



### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In our Parish people are nourished by the Word of God. It is a Parish where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish community is centred on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love we show one another.

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** Siobhan Carmody 087 9498347 (Gneeveguilla). Betty Moynihan (087) 6186091 Knocknagree Margaret McGrath 089 4182683 Rathmore, Stephanie Brosnan 087 9449288 Shrone.



Parish Office: Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm **CLOSED THURSDAY** Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064) 7761669 or email [rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**Pastoral Area Fr John Fitzgerald (029)70043 0877752948 on call Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec for emergency and sick calls**

**Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732**

### **SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Donal O'Donoghue Shrone

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Kit Fleming, New Quarter. Johnny O'Keeffe. Park Knocknagree

**(Feast of The Holy Family)**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am

Joan & John Hurley, Lyreacorrin

Remembering the Donnelly Family of the Moving Bog Disaster (28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1896) Parents Cornelious & Johanna & their children Daniel, Humphery, Hannah, Maggie, James & Eliza & Katie who was the sole survivor of the family as she was not at home on the night while visiting her Grandparents in Mountcain.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am

(Months Mind) Garrett Bob Nagle, Rathmore Townland.

George, Maura & John Byrne, Shinnagh

### **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 to SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Michael & Joan O'Connor Maughantourig. Eugie Kerrisk, Sliabh Luachra.

Bill Keane Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. Joe Kelleher, Scrahanaville

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Rathmore 9.30am (Note Mass Time)

Michael, Margaret & Tadhg Crowley & Seamus McDavitt



**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day (Bank Holiday) Rathmore 11.00am**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm** Eily, Dan & Eileen Breen Scrahanagullane. Peggy & Eugie O'Connor, West End.

Dan Crowley. Inches. Denis (Gary) O'Leary East End, his parents Nellie & Denis & Uncle Martin.

Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman. Andrew & Elizabeth Sheahan Nohovaldaly. All deceased of the Kelleher Family L/O Star Bar. Donal O'Sullivan L/O Old Rd., Rathmore & Castleknock, Dublin

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Shrone 6.00pm

Shared Christmas Intentions

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm

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Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am

(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Denis( Den Pete) Murphy, Sliabh Luachra I/o Coom

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am

(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Hilary Kelleher, Gortnahanebee

**Prayers & Sympathies** To the extended family, neighbours & friends of Tim (Timisine) O'Sullivan, Knocknagreeha, Gneeveguilla whose funeral took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December in Gneeveguilla.

To Mary O'Connor (Lamanaugh, Boherbue) & extended family on the death of her brother Hugh O'Keeffe Knocknagree & kind neighbours and friends. Hughs funeral took place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Knocknagree.

To Dan Francis Murphy & Nono Fitzgerald & families on the death of their sister Breda Collins Banteer whose funeral took place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Castlemagner.

To the brothers & extended family & Management & Staff at Brun na Sinsear on the death of Mary O Reilly I/o kanturk.

Mary's funeral took place in Kilbrin on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

May Tim, Hugh, Breda & Mary rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

## Stepping into 2026 Together



As we welcome the New Year 2026, we do so aware that every new beginning is a gift from God. The year ahead is still unwritten, but we step into it with trust, knowing that God is already there, walking with us. The poet and spiritual writer John O'Donohue beautifully reminds us in *Anam Cara*:

*"At the heart of every new beginning is blessing."*

This gentle truth invites us to see the coming year not with fear or anxiety, but with openness to the presence of God along our journey.

The start of a new year often invites reflection. We look back with gratitude for blessings received, lessons learned, and moments of grace that carried us through challenges. We also look forward with hope, even amid uncertainty in our world, God reassures us,

*"For I know the plans I have for you... plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

As individuals and as a parish community, we are called to trust in that promise and to live it out in practical ways—through prayer, service, forgiveness, and compassion.

In 2026, I encourage each of us to make space for God in the busyness of daily life. Let us be a parish that listens deeply, welcomes generously, and reaches out boldly to those in need. As St. Paul urges us:

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer"* (Romans 12:12).

May this be the spirit that shapes our parish and our homes in the year ahead.

Be assured of our prayers for you and your families as we begin this new year together. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and fill your hearts with peace throughout 2026. Let us walk forward in faith, confident that God is doing something new among us.

*Fr Pat*

### A Celtic Prayer for the New Year

May the blessing of light be upon us in the year ahead,  
light to guide our steps,  
light to warm our hearts,  
light to shine when the way feels uncertain.

May the blessing of peace rest within us,  
peace in our minds,  
peace in our homes,  
peace strong enough to calm every storm.

May Christ walk before us to show the way,  
Christ walk beside us as friend and companion,  
Christ walk behind us to guard and protect,  
and Christ dwell within us, giving us courage and hope.

May the Spirit bless our coming and our going,  
our work and our rest,  
our joys and our sorrows,  
from the first day of this year to the last.

And may the deep peace of God,  
the peace of earth and sky and sea,  
be with us now and always.

**Amen.**