

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

Pastoral Area Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 /0868351732 on call Sunday 7th Dec for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER to SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025



Sat 6th Shrone 6.00pm John & Mary Cremin, Gortnagown.
Noreen Creedon Gortnagown & all deceased of the Creedon family

Sat 6th Knocknagree 7.30pm Jeremiah Twomey, Umeraboy. Pat Reen Tureenareeha. Sonny Fitzgerald, Renasup. Eddie O'Connor Doonasleen. Dan Joe O'Keeffe Tureencahill. Benny & Maura O'Connor, Umeraboy.
Mary B & Rory O'Connor & their daughters Marie & Brid & grandson Rory. Christy & Bridie Mahony, Nohoval Upper

Sun 7th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (Months Mind) Ted Leiczynski, Maulykervane & remembering his wife Margaret & the O'Donovan, Houlihan & Regan families.

Sun 7th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Philomena O'Sullivan Presbytery View

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER to SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

Mon 8th Rathmore 10.00am (Note Mass Time) Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Mon 8th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Margaret Brosnan & Kathleen Keohane (nee Brosnan) I/o Lr Coom & Milltown

Tues 9th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 10th Rathmore 7.00pm **Christmas Confessions before Mass @ 6.30pm - 7.00pm**
Joe & Mary Dineen, west End. Frank Moynihan Stagmount & his son John Francis.
Catherine & John Halissey, Stagmount. Tommy Kelleher I/o Star Bar.
Patrick & Hannah Buckley, Shinnagh & Jack O'Keeffe, Nohoval.

Thur 11th Knocknagree 9.30am Patrick & Julia Hickey, Mountcain & all deceased of their families

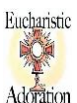
Fri 12th Rathmore 7.00pm **Christmas Confessions before Mass @ 6.30pm - 7.00pm**
Peggy, Denis & deceased members of the Reen family, Convent View. Tim & Mary Agnes O'Keeffe Presbytery View & Julia O'Keefe I/o Lisheen. Willie O'Shea Ishanderagh. Freddie Murphy. Kilquane Jerry McCarthy, Stagmount.

Sat 13th Shrone 6.00pm (1st Anniv) Timmie Rahilly, Aunaskirtane

Sat 13th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Margaret Murphy, Newquarter & remembering Mick & Kit Murphy & Sr Ambrose Kelleher & all deceased of the Kelleher family

Sun 14th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Patsy & Eileen Brosnan, Bounard. Jim & Breda O'Connor, Gneeveguilla Paudie & Catherine O'Leary Gneeveguilla Village & their son Pat & daughter-in-law Helena O'Leary

Sun 14th Rathmore 11.30am (Months Mind) Mary O'Sullivan, Shinnagh.



Eucharistic Adoration Rathmore Wed from 6-7pm. Knocknagree Thur morning 10am -11am
Eucharistic Adoration: Gneeveguilla every Tue from 10am – 8pm.

For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Rosary will be prayed at the Leam Grotto this Sunday evening the 7th Dec @ 7pm The Five First Saturdays will be on Sat 6th Dec @ 9.15am.
The Holy Rosary will continue every Wed @ 8pm The Five First Sat & the Holy Rosary on Wed will be livestreamed

Diocesan Collection: The annual collection for **Youth Services** will be collected this weekend the 6th/7th Dec
Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop donation into the Parish Office



Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in Parish Office. Mass for these shared Mass intentions will be offered on **St Stephens Day Dec 26th at 11.00 am in Rathmore**

Prayers & Sympathies To Andy O'Halloran & family Knocknagree on the death of his sister Bernadette O'Connor whose funeral took place in Prosperous Co Kildare on the 12th November.
To John & Nuala McCormack Knocknagree on the death of his sister Nell Gannon whose funeral took place in Castlerea, Co Roscommon on the 26th November.
To John Gerard Nagle Maria, Noreen & families & extended family on the death of their father Garrett Nagle Rathmore Townland. Garretts funeral too place on Tuesday 2nd Dec in Rathmore.
May Bernadette, Nell & Garrett rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

The Annual Collection for Youth Services

As you know KDYS legally became KCYS this time last year. The company, and the Board of Directors are now 100% independent of the diocese.

I thank all from the diocese who have contributed so much of their time, ability and energy to making it the success it has been over the past fifty years.

May KCYS continue to be a success throughout the diocese. I admire the new Board for their generous volunteering, and the current staff for their great commitment.

This time last year I committed the diocese to continue to support their work through continuing the annual church collection in the years ahead. This decision will be revisited in the years ahead.

I made my decision mindful especially of their ongoing service to ordinary youth through community/parish youth clubs. This year 2025/6 there are twenty such clubs up and running. Even with all the girls and boys involved in sport or other cultural activities, there are still many youth who need an opportunity like KCYS provides for general social coming-together.

I am also aware that charities like KCYS need to have some source of funds separate from government funding of specific programs.

Alongside the collection, I feel we should be supporters of KCYS, - encouraging youth to get involved and encouraging adults to volunteer as helpers. As with other community groups, many Catholics will be key volunteers. The youth clubs make youth aware of the presence of the KCYS centres: who knows what teenagers at some time in the future might need and benefit from one of their more structured services.

I warmly welcome Colette O'Doherty to the staff of the diocesan pastoral centre. Many of you have already met her. I am impressed by her commitment and her ideas and plans. Her key focus will be on Faith Development for both teenagers and young adults. Her vision is to integrate a faith element into youth activities. She comes to us with a lot of experience and confidence from her work in the diocese of Ferns.

The annual collection for Youth Services will be held on the weekend of Sunday 7th December. I ask you to promote the collection this year as you do each year.

+ Ray 16th November 2025.

Christmas Confessions

"Only by being forgiven can we set out again with fresh confidence, after having experienced the joy of being loved by the Father to the full.

For this is the heart of Confession: not the sins we declare, but the Divine Love we receive, of which we are much in need. We pass from being alone with our miseries . . . to being raised up and encouraged by the Lord who grants us a new start."

(Pope Francis)

Rathmore Church : Wed Dec 10th 6.30-7pm (Confessional)

Rathmore Church : Friday Dec 12th 6.30-7pm (Confessional)

Gneeveguilla Church : Friday Dec 19th after Mass

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Ballydesmond

Sunday 14th December: after 11.00a.m. Mass

Dromagh:

Friday 19th December 7.30p.m.

Rathmore:

**Sunday 21st December after 11.30a.m. Mass
(3 Priests will be in attendance)**

Millstreet

Monday 22nd December 7.30p.m. - 8.15p.m.

Kiskeam

Monday 22nd December 8.00p.m.