

## 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.**

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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 087 7752948 on call 25<sup>th</sup> January for emergency and sick calls**

SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY to SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Shrine 6.00pm** **Donors Intentions**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm      Nora Cronin, Gneeveguilla Upper. Mary & John Smith, Shanballa/Leicester.  
Thomas & Maureen Murphy, Renasup. Pat O'Mahony, Knocknagree. Denis & Phyllis Hickey, Scrahan  
Michael & Lena Dineen, Knockneenagullane.  
Michael, Catherine, Anna (Dalton) & Michael Joseph O'Keeffe, Knocknagree Village

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am Abina & Denis O'Riordan, Leam & their daughter Joan (Sheehan) and son in law John Tom Joe O Donoghue, Knocknageeha. Mary & Philip Cremin, Renasup & their sons Patrick and John Tim and Kathleen Collins, Gneeveguilla Village.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv). Abbie Dineen, Hollymount, Paddy Crowley, Barra**

MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY to SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Peg O'Mahony Gullane

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 9.30am**      **People of the Parish**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm** **Dennie Mulcahy, Knocknashinnagh**

**Eri 30 Gneeveguilla 1.00pm ( Note Mass Time) Gneeveguilla NS "Grandparents Day "**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Bathmore, 7.00pm (Months Mind)**, Brian Cronin, Old Road/Knocknagree.

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Shrine 6.00pm Catherine Fitzgerald, Moulagow & remembering her husband Michael J her Parents Denis T & Ellen O'Connor & her uncle Maurice O'Connor**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Daniel D & Sheila Murphy, Tureenclassagh. Eddie McSweeney, Knocknagullane. Breda Ui Dhugaill (nee Hickey) l/o Mountcain . William Murphy, Tureen**



(Feast of St Bridget)

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Gneeveguilla 9.30am Denis O'Connor, Tureenamult.  
Willie & Catherine McCarthy, Dennie McCarthy & Denis McCarthy & Muriel Moore Gneeveguilla**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Rathmore 11.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Denny Houlihan, Shinnagh**



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

**Prayers & Sympathies** To Aneta & Marek, brothers Adam & Nikodem, sister Nikola, Fiancé Weronika, & family on the death of Bartosz Adamczyk, Knocknageeha, Gneeveguilla, and formerly of Poland whose funeral took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> January in Gneeveguilla.

To Anthony & Lisa Fleming & families on the death of his father Patrick (Patsy) Fleming Knockacorrin, Currow, whose funeral took place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January in Currow.

May Bartoza & Patrick rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

## Exploring the Establishment of Funeral Teams

The loss of a loved one is a traumatic experience for family and friends. As a Christian community, it is a time when we put our best foot forward and do all we can to be of support to the grieving family.

As a priest, it is probably one of the most significant interactions we have, offering spiritual comfort to those who are grieving. Furthermore, there are already parishioners who offer similar support by leading prayer in the home or in the funeral home. We also, of course, have our sacristans and our wonderful Music Ministry team.

Generally, funerals come together. You can have a lull, and then suddenly there are two, three, or four in quick succession, often on the same day. This can be a real challenge, particularly in keeping contact with the families and in helping prepare the liturgy.

As you are aware, many parishes around the country have established Funeral Teams to broaden the level of spiritual support we can offer at this time. Here in Rathmore Parish, I would like to begin by exploring the establishment of such a team in our parish.

The Funeral Team works alongside the priest as we strive to minister the love, mercy, consolation, and compassion of Christ to all who suffer loss.

We will begin our conversation with the Parish Pastoral Council and with those who are involved at Requiem time. We will gradually expand the conversation and, in the meantime, welcome any thoughts or suggestions that you may have on the matter. *Fr Pat*

Here are some of the guidelines the Diocese offers.

### Why have a parish funeral team?

- To support the family and community of the deceased at the time of death.
- To offer prayer on behalf of the Christian community as the family and loved ones make the journey from the person's death to their burial.
- To support and complement the ministry of the priest to the family.

### What does the parish funeral team do?

Members are available to support the family by leading prayer at different moments and by guiding them through the preparation of the Funeral Mass.

### Who might be a member of the Parish Funeral Team?

Parishioners who are:

- compassionate and empathetic
- willing to explore and grow in an understanding of:
  - the funeral liturgy and its rich symbolism
  - the skills and disposition required for leading prayer
- interested in supporting families preparing for a funeral
- able to work as part of a team