

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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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 John Fitzgerald (029)70043 087 7752948 on call 25th January for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY to SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026

Sat 24th Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

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

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

Sun 25th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv). Abbie Dineen, Hollymount, Paddy Crowley, Barra

MONDAY 26th JANUARY to SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 26th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Peg O'Mahony Gullane

Tues 27th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 28th Rathmore 7.00pm Dennie Mulcahy, Knocknashinnagh

Thur 29th Knocknagree 9.30am Donors Intentions

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

Fri 30th Rathmore 7.00pm (Months Mind) Brian Cronin, Old Road/Knocknagree

Sat 31st Shrone 6.00pm Catherine Fitzgerald, Moulagow & remembering her husband Michael J
her Parents Denis T & Ellen O'Connor & her uncle Maurice O'Connor

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



(Feast of St Brigid)

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

Sun 1st Feb Rathmore 11.30am (1st 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, Knocknagreeha, Gneeveguilla, and formerly of Poland whose funeral took place on the 15th 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 19th 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