

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
Parish Office Closed Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)

Pastoral Area Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 / 0863978642 on call 3rd May for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 2nd May to SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026



Sat 2nd Shrone

No Mass

Sat 2nd Rathmore 10.30am

First Holy Communion Holy Family NS

Sat 2nd Knocknagree 7.30pm

Fr Jerry & Fr Bertie Hickey L/o Mountcain
Breed Kelleher Nohoval Upper & Mella O'Leary Park

Sun 3rd Gneeveguilla 9.30am

(Months Mind) Jimmy Brosnan, Mausrouer.

Sun 3rd Rathmore 11.30am

John Moynihan, East End.

Willie & Ann McAuliffe, Banteer & deceased members of the Moynihan & McAuliffe families
John & Lizzie Murphy, Ballinahulla & all deceased members of the Murphy & O'Leary families.

Sun 3rd Shrone 1.30pm

Mass in the City

Blood donation clinic on Thursday 7th May in The Cullen Community Centre @ 15.50pm – 20.00pm
Call 1800731137 to book

MONDAY 4th MAY to SUNDAY 10th May 2026

Mon 4th Rathmore 11.00am (Bank Holiday) Pat & Catherine McCarthy. Convent Place

Tues 5th Rathmore 9.30am

People of the Parish

Wed 6th Gneeveguilla (note Church) 7.00pm Tadhg & Margaret O'Leary, Quarry Lodge, Tureenamult.
Jerry & Mary Murphy Scrahanaville & their son Denis

Thur 7th Knocknagree 9.30am

Donors Intentions

Fri 8th Knocknagree 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Raymond O'Connell, Killarney /Knocknagree



Sat 9th Shrone 11.00am First Holy Communion Shrone & Hollymount NS

Sat 9th Shrone 6.00p.m Jerry Nagle, Gortdarrig & his son John Joe & all deceased of the Nagle family
Patrick Callaghan & his wife Sheila & their son John, Gortnagown & their recently deceased
Son-in-law Tom Heelan, Cullen. Kathleen & Patrick Duggan Shronemore

Sat 9th Knocknagree 7.30pm

Joan, Dan, Eileen & Mary Lehane, Umeraboy & London

Dan B Hickey, Knocknagree Village. Bridie Conway. Ritchie & Peggy O'Connor, Doon

Sun 10th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Hannah Mary Doherty, Gneeveguilla Upper & her husband Con & her brother Patie Collins & her sister Sr Anne (Peggy) Collins.

Sun 10th Rathmore 11.30am

John Brosnan, Meentogues. Denis & Hannah Mary Crowley, Gortnaprocess

Jerry O'Leary, Nohovaldaly & his parents David & Kathy & all deceased of the Scannell family Rathbeg.

Returning Trocaire Boxes: We would be very grateful if you could return your contribution as soon as possible to the Parish Office, or drop it into the Sacristy, or the Sunday Collection Basket.

Please do not leave it in an unattended place in the Church

Rosary Every Evening During Month Of May At Tureencahill Grotto At 8pm ... All Very Welcome Rosary will be prayed @ Leam Grotto weeknights @ 8pm for the Month of May & Sunday night @ 7pm

Diocesan Collection for Education of Clergy will take place next weekend the 9th/10th May Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

TAKING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND FROM MASS

“The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing communion to them the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill” (Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rite of Anointing and Viaticum, 73).

One of the great privileges of being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is to be able to take the Body of Christ to those ill or infirm members of the parish who are unable to come to Mass. They are still part of our Eucharistic community and are joining with us in a particular way when they are able to receive Holy Communion directly from Mass.

Present Practice:

Our present practice has developed in which the Minister presents the Pyx when receiving communion and asks for the required number of hosts. While this practice that has evolved since Covid, the following important points should be observed when bringing Communion to the housebound.

- After the final blessing go as directly as you can to the housebound.
- Do remember that you are carrying the Blessed Sacrament with you. You should go directly after Mass to the person to whom you will be bringing communion and not let other things distract you from your ministry, e.g., go shopping or visiting.
- The Eucharist holds a central and sacred place in the life of the Church. After the celebration of Mass, the consecrated hosts that remain are not simply stored, but are reverently reserved in the tabernacle.
- The Eucharist should never be stored in private homes or kept for later use by a minister or recipient. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved only in the tabernacle of a church or other place officially designated by the Church for this purpose.
- Should you find that the sick person is not at home, for whatever reason, please reverently consume the Blessed Sacrament yourself. **Please do not carry the Blessed Sacrament around or leave it somewhere ‘safe’.**
- Ideally, the consecrated host(s) should never be taken home overnight to be distributed another day. The EM should consume any consecrated hosts that cannot be distributed the same day that they are picked up.

Practical Considerations for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

The Minister can offer support to the sick and housebound in a number of ways.

As well as bringing the Eucharist these can include being:

- a link to the parish community.
- Be sure to bring the latest copies of the parish newsletter, so they can keep informed of the life of the wider Church.
- a link to the parish priest - letting him know for example if there is a request for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or of Penance. someone who will pray with them and for them

Some guidelines:

Those who bring communion to the housebound need to be on the Parish Register of Eucharistic Ministers. (This is a Safeguarding Requirement) This register can be completed in the Parish Office.

Please Note: All ministers bringing communion to the housebound (other than their immediate family) are required to: 1 Complete Garda vetting, **and** Training Sessions in Pastoral Care and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adult

SCHEDULING:

When bringing communion to the housebound.

- Ensure that your first visit takes place in the company of a family member or carer.
- Ask the family member/ carer to advise you of any special requirements.
 - Ask if the person can consume the entire host. If they have difficulty in swallowing, the person may only be able to receive the smallest particle of host.
 - Have water on hand if there is a need.
 - Sometimes if the person has limited mobility, it can be easier for the person if you call when the carer is present.
- Know that the relationship with the person who is sick is a key factor. The minister brings the comfort and concern of Christ.
- The person has just finished eating or is in the middle of a meal: People who are ill or elderly do not need to abstain from food or drink before receiving Communion.
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- During your first meeting with the homebound please set up a schedule for your subsequent visits.
- Take time to pray reverently and to be present with the sick person.
- Be sensitive to the proper time to depart.

Liaising with the Priest: The person may seek the Sacrament of Penance, or the Sacrament of the Sick, please advise the priest of these needs or if you think the priest should call to the person.