

## 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)

**PARISH OFFICE will BE CLOSED ON Monday 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE (Bank HOLIDAY)**

**Pastoral Area Fr Joe Tarrant (064) 7751104 0863978642 on call 31<sup>th</sup> May for emergency and sick calls**

### SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May to SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Hannah Mary & Tadhya Buckley, Shronemore

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Nellie McSweeney, Knockeenagullane. Jerry McSweeney, Knocknagullane  
Eileen Long, Killarney L/o Nohoval. Micheál & Peggy Murphy, Nohoval  
Michael Moriarty, Caherbarnagh & Ballyferriter

(Trinity Sunday)

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am Edith Brosnan & Philomena Davey. L/o Coom & Milltown

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Rathmore 11.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Margaret (Madge) Crowley. Inches

### MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE to SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026



For Emergency calls during the week contact: Fr John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 / 087 7752732 .  
Fr Joe Tarrant (064) 7751104 0863978642. Fr Danny Broderick (029) 76121 087 9061255

**There will be No Masses this week due to Fr Pat on the Camino**

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> (Note Church & Time) Rathmore 8.00pm (Months Mind) Mary Moynihan. Knockdurath

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Catherine O'Callaghan, Gortacorrin. Michael Rogan, Mayobridge, Newery Co Down

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Mary & Florrie O'Mahony, Clounts. Jeremiah & Nora Sheehan, Tureencahill.  
(Corpus Christi)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am Kathleen & Tim Collins Gneeveguilla Village. Donal O'Leary Meenagishag

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Bridget Breen, Rathcool & l/o Nohoval.  
Siobhán Nagle . Rathmore

**First Calls: Please note that because of the Camino, Fr Pat will not be doing the home Communion calls until later in June**

**Divine Mercy** Join the Divine Mercy Hour in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.  
Five First Saturdays on June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9.15am It is streamlined on MCN Gneeveguilla

### Mission Awareness Parish Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June

Fr. Martin Kelly who was Provincial of the Irish Province from 2018 to 2024 will be coming to the Parish of Rathmore the weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr. Martin is from Co. Clare** and spent almost 30 years as a missionary in Ethiopia where he first arrived in 1975. Fr. Martin will share his own mission experiences.

The Spiritans, also known as Holy Ghost Fathers, are a Catholic religious congregation founded in France in 1703. They are dedicated to evangelising the poor and marginalised worldwide. Over the years, they have established a presence in over 60 countries. The Spiritans are known for their missionary work, which includes providing chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and schools and sending missionaries to various regions, including the Far East and North America. They continue to be a vital part of the Church's mission to spread the Gospel and support those in

# Rathmore Parish Camino 2026

We're off !!



## The Origin of the Camino and Early Days

The Camino's roots can be traced back to a legend from the 9th century. It was believed that the remains of St. James the Apostle, one of Jesus Christ's twelve disciples, were discovered in Northwestern Spain.

Upon hearing this revelation, King Alfonso II ordered the construction of a humble chapel to honor the apostle. Little did he know this chapel would blossom into the awe-inspiring Santiago Cathedral, the emblematic beacon for pilgrims

known worldwide today.

As word spread of this sacred resting place, the Middle Ages witnessed a fervent surge in Christian pilgrims, making the arduous journey to pay their respects and seek spiritual solace.

## The Camino's Routes

Over the years, various routes to Santiago have emerged, each weaving its own narrative tapestry rich in history and natural splendor. The Camino Francés (French Way), often considered the "classic" route, takes pilgrims across the picturesque landscapes of Northern Spain, traversing quaint villages and lush meadows.

The Camino Portugués, as its name suggests, originates from Portugal, offering a journey steeped in Iberian culture and heritage. Each path holds many stories of pilgrims past and present and offers distinct cultural landmarks that capture the heart and imagination.

## Rathmore Camino 2026

This year we will walk the final section of the Camino Portugués : **Day 1** Baiona to Vigo 25k, **Day 2** Vigo to Arcade 23k, **Day 3:** Arcade to Pontevedra 12k, **Day 4:** Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis 12k, **Day 5** Caldas de Reis to Padron 18k, **Day 6:** Padron to Santiago de Compostella 25k

## Why are we doing this?

Why am I doing this?

**A walk** (like a hike or trekking holiday) focuses on physical activity, fitness, and enjoying the scenery.

**A pilgrimage** is a deliberate, transformative journey with a spiritual, historical, or personal purpose. While hikers test their stamina against nature, pilgrims walk an "outer" physical journey and an "inner" spiritual journey of reflection.

In his book **Camino Portugues**, **John Brierly** gives valuable insights on the 'Inner Journey'

The following extract is taken from (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) page 36

*We take our tired bodies and neglected souls and dump them at the start of the Camino and trust that all will be well. And of course, all will be well and our physical and spiritual muscles will become rejuvenated. A pilgrim travels on two paths simultaneously and must pay attention to both. When we place ourselves on the pilgrim path we sow the intention to stretch and expand soul consciousness so that we can lift ourselves out of the mundane in order to journey back to God or whatever name we give to that nameless Source from whence we came.*

*When asked to describe a personal experience of the sacred, an overwhelming majority refer to a time alone in nature, This is where the camino can provide such a powerful reminder of the sacred in our lives and a desire to reclaim our spiritual inheritance.*

## Be for us,

a companion on our journey  
the guide on our intersections  
the strengthening during fatigue  
the resource on our itinerary  
the shadow in our heat  
the light in our darkness  
the consolation during dejection  
and the power of our intention  
so that we under your guidance,  
safely and unhurt, may reach the end of our journey,  
and strengthened with gratitude and power,  
secure and filled with happiness,  
may join our home,  
for Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen