

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 / 086 8351732 on call 21st June for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 20th JUNE to SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2026

Sat 20th Shrone 6.00pm

Memorial Mass George Burney, Boston & Shrone

Sat 20th Knocknagree 7.30pm

Paddy & Eileen O'Sullivan, Tureen. Bridget Dineen, Clounts



Fathers Day

Sun 21st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Christina McSweeney, Countess Grove Killarney, l/o Leam
Jim, Mai & Pat Joe Cronin Coom Lr. Bridget & Connie Casey, Leam.
Breda Murphy, Gneeveguilla Upper

Sun 21st Rathmore 11.30am (Months Mind) Timothy (Ted) McCarthy, Beheenagh.
Patrick O'Leary, Bantry. Jenny Buckley, Nohoval

MONDAY 22nd JUNE to SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026

Mon 22nd Rathmore (Note Church) 9.30am

Donors Intentions

Tues 23rd

No Mass

(The Birth of John The Baptist)

Wed 24th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (Note Church) .

Dan Finnegan, Meentogues.

Sean & Ann O'Keeffe, Coom Lr

Thur 25th Knocknagree 9.30am

Doners Intentions

Fri 26th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm

Memorial Mass Bianca Botty Canary Islands
at the request of Gobnait & Vincent Carmody

Sat 27th Shrone 6.00pm

Neily Lenihan, Gortdarrig & all deceased members of the Lenihan Family

Sat 27th Knocknagree 7.30pm

Denis & Catherine Mary Dennehy, Nohoval

Sun 28th Gneeveguilla 9.30am

Donors Intentions

Sun 28th Rathmore 11.30am

Mamie & Patrick Nagle, Shinnagh Lr. Alex Hickey, Rathmore Townland.

Moira Casey, Shinnagh, Elaine Lowe, Sliabh Luachra EST.

Michael John Dinneen, Ard Mhuire & his wife Maura & all deceased of the Dinneen family.

Prayers & Sympathies To the Scannell family Knocnagree on the death of their father John Joe Scannell, The Terrace, Knocknagree, his grandchildren, great grandchildren & extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. John Joes funeral took place on Monday 15th June in Knocnagree
To Noreen Brosnan sons Michael, John, Seamie, Denis and Tim, daughter Noreen, & families on the death of Seamus Brosnan, Glountane, husband.father & grandfather, his brothers Timmy Joe, Michael and Gerard, & extended family. Seamus funeral took place on Wednesday 17th June in Knocknagree.
May John Joe & Seamus rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Kerry Parents & Friends

At a recent meeting of the Rathmore Branch of the Kerry parents and Friends Mr Hugh Ryan presented the sum of €8,005 to Neil Ashworth, C.E.O. of Kerry Parents & Friends, Old Monastery, Killarney.

The sum was the proceeds of the Pantomime Bingo and various through-out the year. Many thanks to all who donated.

Farewell Celebration for Fr. Pat

We are planning a parish-wide farewell celebration for Fr. Pat after Mass of Thanksgiving on Fri. 10th July. To make this a truly special send-off, we need volunteers from across the whole parish. Whether you have great ideas to share, time to help set up the gym, a talent for baking or can stay to help tidy up, your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

***Please come to our initial planning meeting on
Mon. 22nd June at 8pm in Teach Iosagain.***

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like in any way to help, you can call or text:

Eileen Fleming 087 1475386
Nuala McCormack 087 2806037
Maureen Cremin 086 2439645
Míle Buíochas

Pastoral Council

No Mow May in the Nuns Cemetery

You might have noticed the colour of different flowers and the longer grasses as they have grown in “The grounds of St Joseph’s Church Rathmore”. We decided that we would not cut the grass in this area during the month of May to allow the grasses and other plants time to grow and flower.

The numbers of bees, butterflies, moths, hoverflies and other insects have been in sharp decline in recent years and anything that we can do, such as leaving areas un-mown, providing pollinator friendly plants and not spraying herbicides and pesticides will benefit them.

Some of the plants that have come into flower because of us not cutting the grass here during May are :-

Birds foot trefoil, dandelion, common daisy, ox eye daisy, bush vetch, ribwort plantain, violet, primrose, pignut, buttercup, cowslip, Germander speedwell, common ragwort, white clover, red clover, Red fescue, Yorkshire fog, thyme-leaved speedwell, cuckoo flower, Cat’s ear, prickly sow-thistle, common sorrel, knapweed, field wood-rush and hogweed.



HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL DADS: This weekend we are all given an opportunity to show appreciation and thanks for our dads. Those with us we can fuss with gifts and words of praise and thanks and those who have gone to their eternal reward we can pray for especially in our masses this weekend. Dads you have a very special vocation entrusted to you by the Lord. May He bless all of you this weekend and always

Wine for Palestine Charity Evening

Sunday 5th July, 7pm at Ancient Rituals Studio, Chapel Lane, Killarney. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, nibbles, a photography exhibition, poetry readings, and great raffle prizes – all in aid of displaced families in Gaza. See Killarney for Palestine on **social media for booking link or scan QR code**

Day for Life 2026

- Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates “A Day for Life” on the theme *The humanity of the unborn child*. The message invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. To read the 2026 Day for Life message: visit www.councilforlife.ie



The Nativity OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: Wednesday 24th June Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. We rejoice at the coming of St John The Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising voice. John means “The Lord has shown favour. This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John’s words “He must increase, but I must decrease” John’s story is one of sacrifice and humility. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are called to be signposts for others.

‘Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, parents, teachers and friends