

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 / 0877752948 on call 19th July for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 18th JULY to SUNDAY 19th JULY 2026

Sat 18th Shrone 6.00pm (1st Anniv) Pat & Ella Cahill, Clonakilty & I/o Gortdarrig
John O'Callaghan, Gortnagown & his parents Sheila & Patrick O'Callaghan

Sat 18th Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) John Joe Scannell Park

Sun 19th Gneeveguilla 9.30am James Doyle, Maulykevane & remembering his dad Jimmy.
Concepta O'Connor, Kilcummin & I/o Banard.

Sun 19th Rathmore 11.30am Geraldine O' Mahony, Rathmore & her father-in-law Donal O'Mahony.
Margaret O' Connor, Presbytery View & remembering her husband, Denis. Hannah Mary Moynihan, Knockdurath.
Noreen Doyle, East End also remembering her husband Paddy & her brother Humphery & all deceased of the
Doyle & Kerins families. P.J Cronin, Kilquane. Jeremiah, Nancy & Noel Moynihan. The Bungalow, Shinnagh

MONDAY 20th JULY to SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026

Mon 20th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Seamus McCarthy, PO. Frank & Vincent McCarthy. Colm Clifford, Sliabh Luachra Est
Pa & Sheila O'Sullivan, Knocknagreeha. Eileen Cronin, Maughantourig. Sean (Jackie) O'Leary Leam

Tues 21st NO MASS

Wed 22nd Rathmore 7.00pm Denis O'Sullivan, Shinnagh Cross. Philomena McCarthy. Teach an Churam & Kilcummin
Tony & Sheila Moynihan, Raheen

Thur 23rd Knocknagree 9.30am People of the Parish

Fri 24th Rathmore 7.00pm (Months Mind) Joshua Kamara Lynch.

Sat 25th Shrone 6.00pm Tom & Jim Burke, Shronebeg. Eileen & Dannie O'Donoghue, Inches

Sat 25th Knocknagree 7.30pm Eugene O'Sullivan, Knocknagree Village. Andy & Kathleen O'Sullivan The Village

Sun 26th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Eileen O'Connor, Mausrour.

Sun 26th Rathmore 11.30am (Memorial Mass) Eilen (Nell) Flanagan (nee Murphy) London & I/o Stagmount
Sean Faughey I/o London & Shinnagh James & Abina O'Donoghue Caherbarnagh

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday 22nd of August 2026.**

Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine.

Bus will leave from Rathmore Church @ 6.45am approx.. Please call the Parish Office to book on 064 7761669

Bus is €35 per seat. or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Youth2000 Ireland Annual Summer Festival

Youth2000 Ireland (aged 16 - 35) are currently preparing for their annual Summer Festival which will take place from Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August in Newbridge College Co. Kildare. This event brings together young people from across the country for a time of prayer, community and encounter with Christ. At the heart of the mission is a deep desire to lead young people closer to the heart of the Church, helping them to grow in faith and to discover their place within the Church.

The event operates on a donation basis only, there is no charge for attendance. Five buses will travel to Newbridge, Co. Kildare from across Ireland on Thursday 13th of August and return on Sunday 16th August 2026. A bus will leave Tralee on Thursday morning. Booking is online via the www.youth2000.ie website. For further information, see www.youth2000.ie

Saying Goodbye to Fr. Pat and Welcoming Fr. Kieran O'Brien

Fr. Pat, we cannot thank you enough for the tireless energy you poured into our parish over the past 13 and a half years. You took such wonderful care of our 4 church buildings and grounds, ensuring our sacred spaces are welcoming, beautiful and secure for generations to come. Your work and care for the four corners of this parish will never be forgotten.

Thank You

Since we first heard of Fr. Pat's departure, the response from every corner of our parish has been phenomenal. The organising committee wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to everyone who made this whole community effort possible since the initial meeting in early June.

The Mass and Ceremony

A massive thank you to the Pastoral Council for organizing the entire process, and everyone who contributed to the beautiful Mass:

- Our dedicated altar servers and the stewards (both inside the church and outside managing parking)
- Our wonderful choir, readers, and Eucharistic ministers from all parts of the parish
- Our sacristan, Kathleen O'Connor, for her tireless work
- **Fr. Jack Fitzgerald** for serving as chief celebrant, and **Fr. Joe Tarrant, Fr. Pat McCarthy and Fr. Mike O'Mahony** for concelebrating with **Fr. Pat**.

Thank you to all the parishioners, schools, and community groups across Rathmore, Gneeveguilla, Knocknagree, and Shrone for your generous donations toward Fr. Pat's farewell gift. Every week, the parish newsletter kept us updated, and the support for every task was fantastic. A special mention goes to the sending in of photographs and the book of best wishes and memories at the back of the church.

The Farewell get together in Scoil Phobail sliabh Luachra Gym

After the Mass, all were invited to Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra gym for some sweet sustenance and refreshments. Thank you to the school for the use of their gym, to everyone who helped set it up, and to the fantastic bakers from all parts of the parish who provided the food.

Overall, the immense support, selflessness, and generosity of spirit shown by the whole parish over the last few weeks have been nothing short of phenomenal. This massive outpouring of love and community effort did not happen by accident; it is a direct reflection of Fr. Pat himself, the profound impact he has had on our lives, and the deep esteem he holds in every corner of this parish. While we are deeply saddened to see him leave, we are profoundly grateful for the years of dedicated service, leadership, and true friendship he gave to Rathmore, Gneeveguilla, Knocknagree, and Shrone. He leaves behind a united parish that is much richer for having had him as our priest. As Fr. Pat steps into the next chapter of his ministry, he goes with our deepest gratitude, our prayers, and our very best wishes for health and happiness. Thank you, Fr. Pat, you will be dearly missed but not forgotten. God bless you.

Photographs of Farewell night for Fr. Pat

We are asking parishioners who took photos at the Farewell night for Fr. Pat to email them to rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

We would like to add them to the powerpoint of photographs for Fr. Pat and give them to him as a keepsake.

Thanking you

Welcome to Our New Parish Priest – Fr. Kieran O'Brien

The parish community extends its warmest welcome to **Fr. Kieran O'Brien**, who begins his ministry with us this week. We are truly blessed to have him lead our parish family into this next chapter. We are excited to walk alongside him in faith, prayer, and service.

Every new beginning brings fresh blessings, and we look forward to the unique gifts and spiritual guidance **Fr. Kieran** will share with us.

Parishioners are encouraged to introduce themselves over the coming weeks and help **Fr. Kieran** feel right at home in our community.

May God bless his ministry among us.