



RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTE

4th Sun of Advent: 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' Mon: Give thanks for the love you have known in your life;

Tues: Be the Lord's hands and feet for someone this day;

Wed: Watch and wait today, and notice God's goodness all around you;

Thurs: Pray for peace in all families, for all communities, for all nations;

SATURDAY 18th & SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER 2021

Sat 18th 6.00pm Rathmore Mary Murphy Kilquane

Sat 18th 7.30pm Knocknagree Dan & Nora O'Leary Umeraboy



Sun 19th 9.00am Shrone Donors Intentions

Sun 19th 10.00am Gneeveguilla Daniel Cronin Gneeveguilla Upper.
Breda & James O'Connor Gneeveguilla Village.
Tim & Kathleen Collins Gneeveguilla Village
Frank Sanderson I/o Liverpool



Sun 19th 11.30am Rathmore George & Maura & John Byrne Shinnagh
John & Joan Murphy Corran & their son Sean & grandson Matthew.
Donal Moynihan Rathmore East

MONDAY 20th to SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER 2021

Mon 20th 7.00pm Gneeveguilla Nora & Tim Cronin Annaghbeg & Goulane
Dan T O'Keeffe, Tureenahill
Geraldine Brosnan I/o Miltown & Coom Lr



Tues 21st 9.30am Rathmore People of the Parish

Wed 22nd 7.00pm Rathmore John Francis Moynihan, Stagmount & his father Frank Moynihan

Thur 23rd 9.30am Knocknagree Jack O'Keeffe, Park Knocknagree (1st Anniv)

Christmas Eve 24th 6.00pm Rathmore People of the Parish (Booking required)

Christmas Eve 24th 7.00pm Gneeveguilla People of the Parish (Booking required)

Christmas Eve 24th 7.30pm Knocknagree People of the Parish (Booking required)

Sat 25th Christmas Day 9.00am Shrone Shared Christmas Mass (Booking required)

Sat 25th Christmas Day 10.00am Gneeveguilla Shared Christmas Mass

Sat 25th Christmas Day 10.30am Knocknagree Shared Christmas Mass

Sat 25th Christmas Day 11.30am Rathmore Shared Christmas Mass



St Stephens Day

Sun 26th 9.00am Shrone Phil & Margaret Cremin Shrone

Sun 26th 10.00am Gneeveguilla Remembering the Moving Bog (125 years)

Sun 26th 10.30am Knocknagree Shared Christmas Mass

Sun 26th 11.30am Rathmore Eileen Breen, Schranagullane & I/o New York Sheila Moynihan

Raheen & Dan Breen Schranagullane

Nancy Moynihan, Shinnagh

Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732 is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls.



Parish Offices opening hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Friday 11am to 2pm.

Closed Wed. Parish Office (064) 7761669 or email: rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office. From 10am - 11am Mon, Tues & Thur.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK



Rathmore Church: Wednesday evening from 6-7pm before Mass Gneeveguilla Church: Monday evenings from 6-7pm. Knocknagree Church: Thursday mornings after 9.30am Mass from

Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be prayed at Gneeveguilla Church every Wednesday evening at 8pm. If you cannot Attend, tune in online at Gneeveguilla MCN.

A Christmas Message

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and myself, I would like to take a moment as we enter the final week of Advent to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we have been celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that these four precious gifts would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond.

However, to receive these gifts we will have to keep Christ as the focus of our **CHRISTmas**. Yes, it is all about Christ; Christmas is about remembering that Jesus, came to earth on purpose, and with a purpose. All through the year we strive to keep that truth before us: in our prayer, our words, and our actions.

Because of our continued struggles with COVID, it can be a little difficult for us to have a real sense of how we are; truly we can feel a little lost. However, like the Shepherds and the Magi; as we journey toward Christmas Day may we allow the light to lead us to the most unexpected places to meet the Christ Child.

On behalf of all Parishioners, we wish to acknowledge the many of you have served so generously this past year. Whether it's participating in ministries, parish committees, parish ushers, out music ministry, leading the rosary, attending to the church environment, acting as area contacts; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our Parish warm and vibrant. Our thanks too to our Secretaries and Sacristans who are so wholehearted in their giving. Thank you so much for all you do!

Despite our ongoing travails with Covid 2021 will also be remembered for the wonderful Spring and Summer weather, and that mildness has extended into Autumn. But above all we give thanks for the wonderful warmth of our community which nurtures and sustains is.

There are many new houses in the parish which are beginning to light up with new life; to those of you who are new to our community we extend a warm welcome.

We reach out too to those who have lost loved ones and a missing them, those affected by financial hardship, ill health, and other personal challenges. ... You are not forgotten.

When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. (Matthew 2:12)

2022 will lead us on a new journey and we will be challenged again like the Magi to move away from the "familiar" and to look at new routes to the future. My prayer is that you will continue to experience our faith community, as a place where you are spiritually sustained and nurtured.

Happy Christmas to you all. Fr Pat

Prayers & Sympathies To Joan Carmody, Denis, Margaret Breen & Mary Finn & extended family on the death of their mother Eily Breen Scrahanagullane. Eily was laid to rest on the 13th Dec in Rathmore.

To Tommy Tucker Ballydaly, Fr Sean, Denis & Eileen on the death of their brother Eddie Tucker. Eddie was laid to rest on the 9th Dec in Millstreet.

To Maime Brosnan, Sean, Maurice, Mairead, Sheila & Maura on the death of Jerry Brosnan, Stagmount his sisters Sr Eileen, Nora, Mary & Margaret & extended family. Jerry was laid to rest on Friday 16th Dec in Rathmore. May Eily, Eddie & Jerry rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

MOVING BOG TRAGEDY REMEMBERED

ON Sunday next December 26th the 10am Mass in Gneeveguilla will be celebrated in memory of those who died in the 'Moving Bog' on this the 125th anniversary.

On Tuesday December 28th a commemorative plaque will be unveiled in Old Chape Cemetery. Further details will be given in next week's Bulletin.

