

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.

Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732

SATURDAY 6th July & SUNDAY 7th July 2024

Sat 6th Shrone 6.00pm

Donors Intentions

Sat 6th Knocknagree 7.30pm Naomi Curtin, Shanballa, Frank & John Francis Moynihan, Stragmount Betty & John Gerard Murphy. Park. Greg & Ivan Moynihan, Bog Rd. Kathy & Michael Moynihan, Shanballa Mary Curtin, Greangh, Mallow.

Sun 7th Gneeveguilla 9.30am

Ned & Nellie Moynihan & son Ted, Gneeveguilla

Sun 7th Rathmore 11.30am Noreen Long, Inches, Michael & Bridie O'Brien, Shinnagh & their son Michael Anthony & their daughter Aileen (O'Leary). Anne Sheehan, Lissyconnor. Bridget Dineen, Clounts. John Crowley, Knocknacopple & his wife Margaret, their sons Michael, Paddy & John & his brother Patrick. Philomena McCarthy, Teach an Churan .

Fr John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 7th July for emergency and sick calls.

MONDAY 8th July to SUNDAY 14th July 2024

Mon 8th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm

Timmy & Bridget Looney, Cottage. Denny & Noen Cronin, Coom Lr

Tues 9th Rathmore 9.30 am

People of the Parish

Wed 10th Rathmore 7.00 pm

Paud Dineen, Hollymount, Dan Cronin, Brú Na Sinsear & Aunaskirtane

Thur 11th Knocknagree 9.30 am

(1st Anniv) Sheila Fitzpatrick, Knocknagree Village

Fri 12th Gneeveguilla 7.00 pm (1st Anniv) Colm Clifford, Sliabh Luachra.

Seamus McCarthy, Gneeveguilla. PO

Sat 13th Shrone 6.00 pm

Donors Intentions

Sat 13th Knocknagree 7.30 pm Benny Murphy, Banard & all deceased of the Murphy family

Eugene O'Sullivan, Knocknagree Village. Connie O'Sullivan, Nohoval. Abbie & Ger Moynihan, Lacka Denis & Catherine Mary Dennehy, Nohoval

Sun 14th Gneeveguilla 9.30 am Tim & Margaret O'Connor, Mausrou. Jack McCarthy, Gneeveguilla Village

Sun 14th Rathmore 11.30 am (Months Mind) John Moynihan. Knockdurath & remembering his parents

Tim & Mary Ann Moynihan & his sister Sheila Judge & her husband. Tim & Margaret Reen, Counerough

Margaret O'Connor, Presbytery View & remembering her husband Denis.

Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm

CLOSED THURSDAY

Parish Office: Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064) 7761669 or email

rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Diocesan Collection:

The annual collection of the Sick & Retired Priests will take place on this weekend 6th / 7th July

Donations can be contributed online donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

Diocese of Kerry appointment 2024 Retirements: Fr. Brendan Carmody, PP Moyvane.

Appointments: Fr. Brendan Walsh, Causeway to be PP Moyvane.

Fr. Gerard Finucane, Waterville to be PP Causeway.

Fr Sean Jones, Killarney to be PP Waterville.

Fr Vitalis Barasa, St John's Tralee to minister in Killarney Parish.

Fr Gerard Finucane to also be Moderator of Ballyheigue. Fr Sean Jones to also be Moderator of Caherdaniel.

Appointments in the Diocese of Kerry, Summer 2024

*I will sing forever of your love O Lord,
Through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,
That your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (Ps 88)*

The past year has been a year of much discussion and planning in our diocese, the discussion is ongoing. I thank all who joined in and were part of the very large group involved in organizing it. Every parish held a meeting that reviewed their strengths and their needs and focused on the question "What next steps do we all need to take". The discussion revolved around our Pastoral Letter, "Moving Forward in Hope" (All quotes in this statement are from the Pastoral Letter.)

In reflecting on our next steps we look at parish life under the four headings in the Pastoral Letter: "*Think of your local church community in four ways: a social/friendship community; a caring compassionate community; a praying, worshiping and sacramental community; and a community whose mission is to nourish and develop its faith, and hand it on to the next generation.*" All four headings are essential in a healthy parish.

This year we have one priest retiring, Fr Brendan Carmody. We thank him for his years of ministry in Moyvane parish. I thank all the priests who have agreed to take up new appointments in the weeks ahead.

Following on the joyful ordination of Fr Mark Moriarty last year, in August we will have the ordination to the priesthood of deacon Sean Murphy.

We are blessed to have been offered three priests on loan from Eldoret diocese in Kenya, all going well they will join us in the months ahead. We continue to pray for vocations to the diocesan priesthood in the years ahead.

As in the past decade so in the decade ahead, the number of priests reaching retirement age will present a great challenge. We can say looking at recent years, "*Greater involvement of parishioners in all aspects of church life has enabled us to adjust well.*" In this regard

"There are so many people in all our parishes to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for devoted voluntary service."

2. Looking to the future, "Our hope is that parishioners and deacons will take a structured leadership role in their pastoral areas working in a co-responsible way with the priests of the pastoral area including priests from abroad."

Sincere thanks to our team at the Pastoral Centre and to Mary Immaculate College, Limerick for delivering the course in Pastoral Leadership, and to the twenty-five lay people who will be commissioned as lay pastoral leaders in our diocese early next year. In 2025 we hope to gather another group to prepare for the ministry of pastoral leadership.

Alongside this we have five in formation to be permanent deacons. With everyone playing their part as baptized Christians we can rise to the challenge of continuing to have the fullness of Christian life in all our parishes and church areas.

For three years now Pope Francis has been courageously encouraging ongoing worldwide conversations, carried out in a spirit of faith and prayer, which will culminate in a second month-long gathering of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October.

Central to his plan is that all the People of God, all who are baptized, will realize they have a contribution to make to the life of their Church, be it at parish, diocesan or national level. They have a right to be heard. Many gatherings have taken place in our diocese in connection with this synod. Reports from similar gatherings worldwide have given us a context in which to understand our own challenges as a diocese.

We face the future with confidence, trusting in God's help and guidance. In the words of the vision statement of our Pastoral Letter: "*Our faith is the Good News that Jesus Christ is the God of love. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ accompanies us both in this life and in the life to come. To live and to share that Good News is our mission*"

Bishop Ray Brown Diocese of Kerry 28 June 2024.

