

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

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES Siobhan Carmody 087 9498347 (Gneeveguilla). Betty Moynihan (087) 6186091 Knocknagree
Margaret McGrath 089 4182683 Rathmore, Stephanie Brosnan 087 9449288 Shrone.

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2024

Sat 30th Shrone 6.00pm Phil & Margaret Cremin, Shrone,
Noreen Creedon Gortnagown & the deceased of the Creedon Family

Sat 30th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Jim Walsh, Knocknagree



First Sunday of Advent

Sun 1st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Willie Moore, Clounts Geraldine Brosnan, Milltown I/o Coom Lr
& her sister Kathleen (nee Brosnan) Keohane, Milltown & I/o Coom Lr

Sun 1st Rathmore 11.30am Annette Kelleher, Gorthahaneboy

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. (Pope Francis)

Pastoral Area: Fr John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 1st Dec for emergency and sick calls.

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER to SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

Mon 2nd Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Denis Nagle, Sliabh Luachra & the deceased members of the Nagle family, Kilquane
TT O'Callaghan & all deceased of the O'Callaghan family Ballinahulla.

Nora & Richard McAuliffe, Gneeveguilla Village & their daughter Deirdre (Maguire) & their son Gerard.

Tues 3rd Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 4th Rathmore 7.00pm Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family East End.
Jack O'Keeffe, I/o Nohoval & Clounts

Thur 5th Knocknagree 9.30am Eddie O'Connor. I/o Doonaslee.
Patrick & Julia Hickey. Mountcain & all deceased members of their family

Fri 6th Shrone 7.00pm (Note Mass Time) Denise Crowley, Gortdarrig & her cousin
Donal O'Sullivan, Old Road & Dublin & remembering her dad Den Joe.

Sat 7th Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

(Do This in Memory of Me) Knocknagree NS)

Sat 7th Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Thado Hickey, Mountcain. Jerry Twomey, Umeraboy.
Sonny Fitzgerald, Renasup. Mary B & Rory O'Connor & their daughters Marie & Brid & grandson Rory

Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

Sun 8th (Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Kathleen Curran, Reaboy

(Do This in Memory of Me) Gneeveguilla & Meentougues NS.

Sun 8th Rathmore 11.30pm Do This in Memory of Me) (1st Anniv) Willie O'Shea, Islanderagh

NOTICE

Parish Office: 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 Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in Parish Office.

Mass for these shared intentions will be offered on St Stephens Day Dec 26th at 11.00 am in Rathmore

Shrone Church Sacristy Support

We are trying to put in place a little group to support for Bridie in her sacristy duties in Shrone Church. If we could get four or five volunteers (we presently have two), we would set up a little Whatsapp so that members of the group could volunteer if help was needed for a particular Mass.

Name : _____

Contact Number: _____ Or contact email. _____

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:
the annual collection for
the
Diocesan Youth Services
will be take place this
weekend the 30th Nov/ 1st
Dec. Donations can be
contributed online on the
donate tab on the parish
website
www.rathmoreparish.ie or
drop into the Parish Office

“Seeds of Hope”.

Greetings from Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) group. Happy to let your parish/pastoral area know about the **Munster Diocesan “Seeds of Hope” Conference on Saturday 25th January 2025 in Springfort Hotel, Mallow.**

This Conference is an initiative of the four Bishops from the dioceses of Kerry, Limerick, Killaloe, Cashel and Emly to help encourage parishes to act on the Irish Bishops’ call to respond to the ecological crisis and return part of the parish grounds to nature. This is an opportunity to gain information and gather resources with key speakers, practical workshops where we will hear how we can respond locally, inspired by our faith. There will also be a ‘marketplace’ full of support as many organisations will join us to share their resources and offer support.

This conference is aimed at representatives from the parishes/pastoral area. We are hoping for a representation from across the Diocese of Kerry.

If you would be interested in attending this conference please give your name into the Parish Office

The End of an Era.

Given our strong connections to Mount Mellary since the 1830’s, it was with great sadness that I received the communication below from the monks.

The Cistercians have a presence at six locations on the island of Ireland, namely Mount Melleray (Co Waterford), Mellifont (Co Louth), Mount St Joseph , (Roscrea, Co Tipperary), Bolton Abbey (Co Kildare) Portglenone Abbey (Co Antrim), and the Sisters at St Mary’s Abbey, Glencairn (Co Waterford).

We will be continuing our presence in Ireland into the future, but to achieve this regrettably we must consolidate in accordance with the restrictions of our present resources.

After much reflection and soul searching we as an Order have had to make some very difficult decisions with the aim of ensuring a future for Cistercian life in Ireland. We have been confronted with these difficult decisions as we address the reality of falling numbers and ageing communities; issues which other similar communities are also addressing at this time.

We have decided that with effect from 26th January 2025, three of our communities, namely, Mount Melleray, Mellifont and Mount St Joseph , which since 3rd November, the Feast of St Malachy, have already merged as one new single community will be based, for an interim period, at Roscrea. This new community has been given the name of ‘The Abbey of Our Lady of Silence’, and its residency at Roscrea, we emphasise, is an interim measure. Our Abbeys at Moone (Co Kildare) and at Portglenone (Co Antrim) will not be affected by this decision and will continue as autonomous communities.

Our new community of Our Lady of Silence, currently consists of twenty - six members, three of whom are novices, – and already interest has been expressed from others wish in g to join us. We are optimistic that this now has the potential to become a vibrant community wherever we finally decide that it will be located.

This is a difficult time for all the members of our new Community as we strive to meet the challenge of our present day realities. It is especially difficult for those who have spent their entire lives in a specific monastery and must now adjust to these changed circumstances. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, some of whom who have been with us and supported us for decades, and the many other loyal volunteers and friends who will be affected by these developments.

Our gratitude and prayers will continue to be with those who have shared our journey in so many rich and varied ways here in Ireland over the years.

Dom Rufus Pound ocso

Superior ad tum, Abbey of Our Lady of Silence

Day Trip to Mount Melleray

If a sufficient number of parishoners were interested we’d be happy to organise a day trip to Mount Mellary before it closes on Jan 26th I would like to visit Mount Mellary:

Name: _____

Phone no: _____

Knocknagree -Kenya. A meeting will take place in the Adoration Room on Wed night the 4th Dec @ 8pm. All welcome

Vacancy for Pastoral Centre Secretary

Applications are invited for the position of a part -time secretary with experience in Microsoft Office and general office duties. Closing date for applications is 5 pm on Friday Dec 6th. For further information, please see www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Divine Mercy The Divine Mercy Hour will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on Friday Dec 6th from 3 -4pm. It will be livestreamed on MCN Gneeveguilla.

