

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

Pastoral Area: Fr Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 2401331 on call Sunday 22nd Dec for emergency and sick calls.
Fr. John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 29th Dec for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER & SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024

Sat 21st Shrine 6.00pm Donors Intentions

Sat 21st Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Bridget Jackson, (nee McCormack) England/ Umerboy

Sun 22nd Gneeveguilla 9.30am Dan Cronin, Gneeveguilla Upper. Nora & Tim Cronin, Chester & L/o Annaghbeg

Sun 22nd Rathmore 11.30am Connie O'Doherty, Lisgrave. (1st Anniv) Michael Moynihan, Raheen
John & Joan Murphy, Corran & their son Sean & grandson Matthew. Mary & Giles O'Sullivan, Milleen
Tim Carroll, Nohovaldaly

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER to SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2024

Mon 23rd Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Joan & Michael O'Connor, Maughantourig & their son in law Eugie Kerrisk, Sliabh Luachra
Dan T. O'Keffee, Tureencahill

Christmas Eve

Tues 24th Rathmore 6.00pm
Gneeveguilla 6.30pm
Knocknagree 8.30pm

Christmas Day

Wed 25th Shrine 9.00am
Gneeveguilla 10am
Rathmore 11.30am



Thur 26th St Stephens Day Rathmore 11.00am Shared Christmas Masses Intentions

Fri 27th Rathmore 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Mary Agnes O'Keeffe, Presbytery View

Sat 28th Shrine 6.00pm John & Abina Collins, Knocknagreeha, & Jacks brother Dan Collins Tureenamult
& all the O'Keffee family Knocknacopple & the Casey family, Hollymount. Donal O'Donoghue, Bru na Sinsear & Shrine.

Sat 28th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Kathleen (Kit) Fleming. Newquarter

Feast Of Th Holy Family (Jubilee Year)

Sun 29th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Kathleen Hickey, Gneeveguilla Upper. Joe kelleher Scrahanaville

Sun 29th Rathmore 11.30am Dan & Eily Breen, Scrahanagullane & their daughters Sheila (Moynihan) & Eileen.
Maura, George & John Byrne. John McAuliffe East End, Jeremiah, Kathleen & all deceased of the McCauliffe family.
Nancy Moynihan, Shinnagh. Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman & Andrew & Elizabeth Sheehan, Nohovaldaly.
Donal O'Sullivan, Old Road & Castleknock. Fr Donal O'Leary & his parents Margaret & Joe & brother Joseph.

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



Parish Office will be closed on Dec 24th & will reopen on the Tuesday 7th January @ 9.30am – 12.30pm

Prayers & Sympathies To Mary Rahilly sons Donal, John Joe daughters Hannah, Marie and Eileen & families, on the death of Timothy Rahilly, Aunaskirtane, Rathmore, husband, father & grandchildren & great grandchildren, Timothy's Funeral took place on Thursday 19th December in Shrine.
May Timothy rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

Samaritans Of Kerry Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on Christmas Eve 24th Dec/ Christmas Day 25th Dec at all Church

There is Room at the Inn

Dear Parishioners,

“Merry Christmas to you and your family, and to all your loved ones!

In so many ways we are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community, so much so that in this special season, we echo the words of our Lady in the Magnificat.

*My soul glorifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour:
For the almighty has done great things for me
Holy is his name .*

“As we celebrate Christmas, we are thankful for the gift of faith, a gift of ‘good news’ that opens up for us the beautiful message of this holy season.

“The best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike. Our world, our country often witnesses to, prejudice and fear. Christmas is a time for us to counter these ills by loving each other as deeply as God loved us by sending us his son.

Our parish community wishes peace and good will to all, assuring you of our prayers and best wishes always.” We particularly reach out to those who have made our parish their home and wish them God’s peace and joy this Christmas and always.

When we gather the family around the table this Christmas may we draw others in in thought and prayer.

A Table Prayer for our Christmas Dinner

Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite.

On this Christmas Day we come before you with gratitude for our blessings.

Open our hearts to have concern for our sisters and brothers around the world.

Bless family members who are away from home.

Comfort those who have lost a loved one this year.

We ask your Blessing upon this meal that we now share together. Bless those who prepared the meal, those whom we share it with and all your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 collectors, leading groups; shepherding children; playing music; 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!

Wishing everybody the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas, and every happiness in the New Year Fr Pat.



Prayer before the Crib

God, our Father, as we look upon this crib, we thank you for all who are part of the Christmas story and our story, too. We thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son, who was born like us, lived like us, struggled like us, and who has shown us how to be fully human; to our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. May this crib be a beacon of hope for us and for the whole world as we face the coming days with courage and renewed strength. May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first crib stand guard over our home, filling it and all the earth with light and peace. And may we know, believe and share the Christmas message of Emmanuel, God is with us. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

New Years Day Walk in Memory of Pa Joe Sullivan.

5k or 10k Reg: €10

Walk starts from 12pm at the Bridge Bar Rathmore. All proceeds to Kerry Hospice and Recovery Haven

Draw for Spot Prizes, Refreshments in the Bridge Bar after the Walk. Info Contact: Denis 0876245071

