



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. John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 29th Dec for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER & SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2024

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

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 Village. Joe kelleher Scrahanaville

Sun 29th Rathmore 11.30am Dan & Eily Breen, Scrahanagullane & their daughters Sheila (Moynihan) & Eileen. Maura, George & John Byrne Shinnagh. John McAuliffe East End, Jeremiah, Kathleen & all deceased of the McAuliffe 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.

MONDAY 30th DECEMBER to SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025

Mon 30th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (note Mass time) Julia O'Connor, (21st Anniv) Coom

Tues 31st Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish



Wed 1st (New Years Day) (note Mass time) Rathmore 11.00am (Months Mind) Kitty Moynihan, Presbytery View

Thur 2nd Knocknagree 9.30am Shared Christmas Mass

Fri 3rd Rathmore 7.00pm Peggy & Eugie O'Connor, West End. Denis (Gary) O'Leary & his parents Nellie & Denis & Uncle Martin. East End. Dan Crowley, Inches John Kelly, Ard Mhuire/Gullane

Sat 4th Shrone 6.00pm (1st Anniv) Denis O'Shea, Bru na Sinsea, Rathbeg & his Parents Eileen & Jerry.

Sat 4th Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Marion O'Grady Listowel/Knocknagree. (Months Mind) Margaret Murphy. Newquarter.

Sun 5th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Tady Lawlor, Gullane. Mary .T. Cronin Goulane. Timmie & Julia Cronin, Reaboy

Sun 5th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Maura O'Sullivan, Clounts

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



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

Prayers & Sympathies. To John, Elma, Lorraine, Donal and Catherine Hickey & families on the death of their father Cyril Hickey, Gneeveguilla, His sister Imelda Moriarty and his brother John & families. Cyril's funeral took place on Monday 23rd Dec in Gneeveguilla.

May Cyril rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

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

Christmas Message Diocese of Kerry 2024

*The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth. Jn 1:14*

Dia dhiabh. Nollaig Shona dhiabh go léir. A happy and faith-filled Christmas to one and all. Christmas is a time to count our blessings and rejoice. Think of and give thanks for all that is good in all the communities and parishes of our diocese. Thank you to the priests and all in our parishes; thank you to all our school communities. Thank you to all involved in voluntary groups: in sport, in the arts, in social care, - so many wonderful things are happening everywhere. From the local media, print, radio and online, again and again we realize the wonderful voluntary bodies present in our communities. Long may it continue. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers involved.

It is wonderful that Christmas continues to be a family celebration in Ireland. Families celebrate together, family members love to 'be home for Christmas'. Children grow up with fond memories of Christmas at home. I encourage all families to share their faith with their children through the story of Christmas. The birth of Jesus both fulfilled and revealed the loving plans of God the Father for all peoples. Jesus reveals that God is love, Jesus has offered us the gift of eternal life. May a simple family crib have a special place in your home.

This year we cannot ignore the fact that many families in Ireland lack the basics required to have a happy Christmas. Thousands of individuals, couples and families are spending another Christmas without a home of their own. Many adults are exhausted by the year-round struggle to earn sufficient money to pay the ordinary bills that arise for a family. Many living among us find themselves far from their families and homeland this Christmas. For those struggling and almost despairing, may the scene in the stable of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus give hope and comfort.

In the Church, in tune with the ancient biblical tradition, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year. A Jubilee year is held every twenty-five years in celebration of the Christmas event, the Incarnation, the Birth of Jesus Christ. In all our parishes we will celebrate the opening of the jubilee year on Sunday 29th of December, the Feast of the Holy Family. For Jubilee 2025 Pope Francis has chosen the theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimage points to life as a journey, a journey in search of meaning and fulfilment, a fulfilment that is to be found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The following from the writings of Pope Francis speaks to us all of Christian hope:

"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! The first Christians depicted hope as an anchor. Hope was an anchor fixed to the shores beyond. ...

The message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, ... How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!

In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities. ..." What loving, challenging words from Pope Francis.

Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16), and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire in us goodness towards others.

This Christmas carry in your heart the song of the angels to the shepherds:

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
And peace to all people who enjoy his favour.' (Lk: 2.14)
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for peace for the whole world.
Le gach dea-ghuí, í gcomhair na Nollag.
Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.*

+ Ray Browne Diocese of Kerry Christmas 2024

