

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.

Pastoral Area: Fr Joe Tarrant (064)77501104 086-3978642 on call Sunday Jan 12th for emergency and sick calls

Please Note

From January 14th to 23rd inclusive all emergency call should be directed to any of the following numbers:
Fr. John Fitzgerald 087 7752948, Fr Jim Kennelly 087 2401331, Fr Joe Tarrant (064)77501104 086-3978642

Sat 11th Shrone 6.00pm Shared Christmas Masses Intentions

Sat 11th Knocknagree 7.30pm John & Mary Smith late of Shanballa & Leicester.
Johnny O Keeffe, Park Knocknagree.

Sun 12th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Mossy Teahan Coom. John & Mary Buckley Renasup. Tady Lawlor, Gullane

Sun 12th Rathmore 11.30am Denis Lynch Convent View and his parents, Den & Mary Ann.
Thomas O Connell, Clarinwood. John Cronin, Knockdurath & his son Gerard. Sheila Looney Lissyconnor.
Abina & John Kavanaugh I/o Raheen & Washington DC. Mary & Patie Reen, Counerough.

MONDAY 13th JANUARY to SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025

Mon 13th Rathmore 9.30am Please Note: (If there is a funeral on the day this Mass will not be celebrated)

Tues 14th Rathmore 9.30am Please Note: (If there is a funeral on the day this Mass will not be celebrated)

Wed 15th Rathmore 9.30am Please Note: (If there is a funeral on the day this Mass will not be celebrated)

Thur 16th Rathmore 9.30am Please Note: (If there is a funeral on the day this Mass will not be celebrated)

Fri 17th Rathmore 7.00pm Eleanor Moynihan. The Bower.

Sat 18th Shrone 6.00pm Donor's intention

Sat 18th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) John (Corny) O'Connor Knocknagree.

Sun 19th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Teresa Cremin, Cottage.
Teresa & Frank Sanderson, Cottage & Liverpool

Sun 19th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Margaret Sweeney, Glenbeigh & Fr Corridan Centre.



Parish Office: Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm **CLOSED THURSDAY**
Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064) 7761669 or
email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Prayers & Sympathies: To Michael Kelleher, Ciara, Ian and Mark & families on the death of Hillary Kelleher Gortnahanebee, Rathmore, wife, mother & grandmother, Her brothers & sisters and families.

Hillary's funeral took place in Rathmore on Tuesday 7th January.

To Eileen, Mary Ann & Jimmy Murphy & families on the death of their brother Denis (Den Pete) Murphy Coom/
Sliabh Luachra, Gneeveguilla, Den Pete's Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday 7th Jan in Gneeveguilla.

May Hillary & Denis rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: the annual collection for the **Needs of the Holy Land** will be take place next weekend the 18th/19th January. Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... Oops maybe not !!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

There are many moods and meanings to the season of Winter. The weather and the darkness affect our feelings. The rhythm of our lives changes, and we spend more time inside savouring the warmth. We relish the chance to slow down and to have some solitude.

We are not used to plunging temperatures, slush and snow, and snowploughs on our streets and roadways. But there is also the other side of Winter: its pristine beauty and its many opportunities for playfulness.

The great Christian monk Thomas Merton once compared the spiritual life to the search for a path in a field of untrodden snow: "Walk across the snow and there is your path." To encourage you to explore the many parts of this path, we have designed a month's worth of practices. As a first step, we invite you to reflect upon a two galleries of winter wonders:

1. Make Severe and Inconvenient Weather into an Adventure: In *How to Be Happier Day by Day: A Year of Mindful Actions*, Alan Epstein writes about the spiritual practice of being grateful for all kinds of weather — even the kind of winter weather that inconveniences us:

"Look forward to the approach of strong or unusual weather. Instead of griping when the days turn foul — snow, sleet, freezing rain, or rain with cold temperatures — see them as an exciting adventure, as a time when nature reminds you that she exists, that when it comes to the earth, it is her domain.

"See the changing weather as representative of all change. As the earth moves around the sun through the course of the year, the earth is tilted at an angle of twenty-three and a half degrees — which creates the seasons. Consider also that at one time the bulk of the planet was covered with ice, and that erupting volcanoes are manifestations of the active core of the earth. We, living our lives day to day, are as much a part of this universal system as the moon, a grain of sand, or the sweet smile on your child's face when he or she wakes up from a two-hour nap in the middle of the afternoon.

"All phenomena — including bad weather — contribute to our experience of life. Don't discriminate. Enjoy the adventure."

2. Take a Winter Count: The inimitable Robert Fulghum consistently opens doors and helps us see things afresh. In his blog (Nov. 28, 2010), he writes that the northern plains tribes of Native American Indians made it a habit to keep track of time and tribal history by placing graphic symbols on a large, tanned buffalo hide. A village elder would mark the events in the community from the first snowfall of the year to the last. They called these collections of memorabilia "Winter Counts." Create your own "Winter Count" as a kind of homemade history of what is going on inside and around your during winter. Feel free to include anything that strikes your fancy.

3. Let Winter Bring Out the Playful Child in You: Set the intention to do some playful things to celebrate the joys of winter by yourself or with friends. Playing around enables us to express ourselves, to savor pleasure and the lightness of being, and to imitate the Giver of life who created the world in play.

4. Celebrate Hospitality "This is a season that, in making us aware of our individual vulnerabilities, encourages a communal understanding; the winter, reminds us of those most vulnerable. People of all traditions can transform the isolation and chills of the winter season by offering hospitality to others.

Day Trip to Mount Melleray is scheduled for Saturday 25th January. Leaving Rathmore at 7.45am.
Seats still available. Contact Parish Office if interested 0647761669

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