

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 Pat O Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732 on call Sunday 2nd March for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 1st MARCH to SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2025

- Sat 1st Shrone 6.00pm Mary Hickey, Aunskirtane
- Sat 1st Knocknagree 7.30pm Manus Fitzgerald Nohoval. Jeremiah & Margaret Twomey, Knocknagree Village Patrick & Nora O'Sullivan Nohoval Upper & all deceased of the of the O'Sullivan family
- Sun 2nd Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Kathy Kelly, Gullane
- Sun 2nd Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) John Chris Crowley, Barra & his brother Paddy (2nd Anniv) (Months Mind) Abby Dineen, Hollymount

MONDAY 3rd MARCH to SUNDAY 9th MARCH 2025

- Mon 3rd No Mass
- Tues 4th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish
- Wed 5th Rathmore 10.30am (Note Church & Mass Time) **Ash Wednesday** 
- Wed 5th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (Months Mind) Eileen Sheehan, (nee Fleming) **Ash Wednesday**
- Thur 6th Knocknagree 9.30am Donors Intentions
- Fri 7th Rathmore 7.00pm (Months Mind) Denny Houlihan No 1 Lower Shinnagh
- Sat 8th Shrone 6.00pm Mary Duggan, Gortnagown & remembering the Duggan & Lynch families
- Sat 8th Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Norma O'Leary & her brother Sean O'Connor Knocknagree/Nohoval
- Sun 9th Gneeveguilla 9.30am John & Joan Brosnan, Coom Lr Neily Cronin, Goulane & his sister Noreen & their parents Jeremiah & Molly Cronin & Jeremiah & Nora McCarthy, Stagmount
- Sun 9th Rathmore 11.30am Donie Dineen, Cahirbarnagh & his father Dan Joe.
Michael (Mick) Nagle Rathmore Townland. Jimmy & Mary Cronin, Dooncarrig Cross.
Gene Reen, Rathbeg, & his parents Jack & Eily & his uncle Timmy, & his sister Lena & Baby Charlie

1st Anniversary Mass for Louise Daly will be celebrated in Barraduff Church on Friday 7th March @ 7.30pm

Divine Mercy: The Divine Mercy continues in the Church of The Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on Friday 7th March at 3pm. "If one in a family Honours My Mercy will save the whole family"



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

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

Planning for St Patrick's Day St Patricks day this year is on a Monday, please note that there will be two Masses in the Parish that Day **9.30am Gneeveguilla and 11.30a.m Rathmore.**

First Sunday of Lent This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Lima, Juli and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org

What is Ash Wednesday and where did it come from?

Since the 5th-8th Century (approximately), Ash Wednesday has marked the start of Lent, a 40-day period for Christians to self-reflect, repent (say sorry for our sins and turning back to God) for both our individual and collective wrongdoings, and seek to follow him more faithfully. The 40 days symbolise Jesus' time in the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan, which may be why some people choose to give something up for Lent.

The name 'Ash Wednesday' comes from the act of placing ash on people's foreheads.

Ash Wednesday in particular offers an intentional pause at the start of Lent. It is a day to reflect on all the ways we as humans (collectively and individually) have fallen short and not loved God or people well. It's a time to acknowledge our humanity and our reliance upon God, and to thank him for his grace that's saved us.

Lent 2025 Focus

Country: Guatemala

Trócaire began working in Guatemala during the 1980s when the violence of the internal armed conflict was at its most extreme. The work focused on international solidarity and supporting the thousands of Guatemalans scattered across refugee camps in Mexico and Honduras who were fleeing the violence. Trócaire established its office in Guatemala in 2001. Through support for local organisations committed to working with the poorest, most vulnerable and excluded sectors of Guatemalan society. The Guatemalan office currently works in three programme areas: Human Rights and Access to Justice, Women's Rights, and Disaster Risk Reduction. Guatemala, despite being one of the countries least responsible for climate change, has been severely affected by the impacts of climate change. This is an injustice. Guatemala is a multi-hazard country: in addition to threats linked to tectonic phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanoes, the country is threatened by increasingly extreme weather due to global warming, such as droughts, hurricanes, floods and landslides. They affect large sectors of the population, for example hurricanes Eta and Iota, affected more than a million people in 2020. The country also faces man-made threats such as internal displacements and migration, often linked to conflict and violence.

In Guatemala, Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives focus on protecting communities. Communities' capacities are strengthened against extreme climate events and other natural phenomena through risk mapping and establishing preparedness and response measures. An example of this is 'Flood Early Warning Systems'. These mainly consist of the installation of sensors in rivers and radio systems in communities so they can communicate with each other and with local and national authorities to monitor the level of risk. This helps to make timely decisions to save people's lives to ensure they can evacuate their homes in areas that are likely to flood. The Lent campaign centres around the story of a family, and a small community, from La Paz in Guatemala. Ilma and Julio have four children and depend on farming for their livelihood. Like many families and communities, we work with, they are experiencing increasingly erratic weather patterns due to climate change. This is having life-changing consequences on their livelihoods, wellbeing and future. Ilma and Julio and their four children live with 24 families in this small Maya Q'eqchi' community. 'La Paz' means 'peace' and the community speak Q'eqchi - one of the many indigenous languages spoken in rural Guatemala.

Parish Calendar Committee.

We wish to establish a new 'Parish Calendar Committee' for the 2026 Calendar. The task is very simple, namely, to take pictures throughout 2025 to represent every month throughout the year.

Once the pictures are taken and categorised, then the committee will compile the contents of the calendar in November. It is hoped to get a minimum of four people, ideally one from each church area within the parish.

If you are interested, please phone the Parish Office at 064 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

