

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 John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 23rd Feb for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 22nd Shrone 6.00pm John Sheahan, Rathmore & Hannah Mai Trant

Sat 22nd Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Hannah Mai O'Connell, Knocknagree

Sun 23rd Gneeveguilla 9.30am Willie & Catherine McCarthy . Denis & Denny McCarthy Gneeveguilla Village & Muriel Moore, Manhattan.
Paddy Joe & Hannah Mary O'Sullivan Gneeveguilla & parents Bridie & Stephen. Banard

Sun 23rd Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Paddy Cronin Cahebarnagh

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2025

Mon 24th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Donors Intentions

Tues 25th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 26th Rathmore 7.00pm Catherine Reen, Couterough,
Mary & Jeremiah Kelly, Rathmore Townland & their daughter Eileen Barker (nee Kelly) NY & Rathmore

Thur 27th Knocknagree 9.30am Donors Intentions

Fri 28th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Gneeveguilla Ladies G.A.A. Committee Thanksgiving Mass
Celebrating 40 years of History, Heritage & Success

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

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



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 Mary Linehan, Sheila Chase & Anna Dunworth & families on the death of their brother Denis Breen Church View Knocknagree . Denis funeral took place on Monday 17th February in Knocknagree
To Sarah and Jessica (Palmer) & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Rose Palmer Bounard , her brothers, sisters & extended family. Roses Requiem Mass took place in Rathmore on Monday 17th February.
May Denis & Rose rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

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

Monday 24th Feb Building Committee Meeting @ 7.45pm in the Gneeveguilla Church
Wednesday 26th Feb Safeguarding Meeting @ 8pm in the Presbytery.

February Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

For vocations to priesthood and religious life

Focusing

Shepherding God, you call young people to find fullness of life, each living their particular vocation: may our faith communities listen attentively to their deliberations.

Praying with the Gospel

Matthew 5:13 - 16 Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Read the Gospel passage a few times slowly. Allow the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament to gaze with compassion on you

Ponder what Jesus is saying to us in this passage.

- What is the good news in this Gospel passage?
- How is this good news for your life? And for those you around you?

Spiritual Reading

We need once more to take up the word of God and to realize, in doing so, that our best response to the love of Christ's heart is to love our brothers and sisters. There is no greater way for us to return love for love. The Scriptures make this patently clear:

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (Gal 5:14).

"Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

Love for our brothers and sisters is not simply the fruit of our own efforts; it demands the transformation of our selfish hearts. This realization gave rise to the oft-repeated prayer: "Jesus, make our hearts more like your own". Dilexit nos §167-8

Spend some time reflecting on how Jesus links love of neighbour with love of God, and what that means for your life.

Pray for the Pope's Intention

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in priesthood and religious life.

Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer

Disciple us, Lord as once you discipled Peter and his companions - teach us what it means to follow you and give us the courage and tenacity to walk with you. Amen. Final

Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.**

**May those seeds transform
from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,**

**your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.**

**May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.**

**To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen**

Pope Francis