

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

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SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2025

- Sat 8th Shrone 6.00pm Mary McCarthy, Ballycullane . Noan & John Murphy Knocknageeha
- Sat 8th Knocknagree 7.30pm Novena Fr Joe Tarrant
Sheila & Daniel D Murphy, Tureenclassaugh. Kathleen Cronin, Caherbarnagh
- Sun 9th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (Months Mind) Denis (Den Pete) Murphy, Gneeveguilla
- Sun 9th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Peggy Mullooly, Convent View Do this In Memory Holy Family School
- Sun 9th Knocknagree 8.00pm Novena Prayer Service "Christian Friendship (Irene, Marcella & Nuala Mc Cormack)

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025



- Mon 10th 11.30am St Joseph's Day Care "Healing Mass"
- Mon 10th Knocknagree 8.00pm Novena Fr Pat O'Donnell
- Tues 11th Knocknagree 8.00pm Novena Msgr Dan Herlihy & Fr Pat O'Donnell
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes "Anointing of the Sick"
A Healing Mass where we can gather to pray with and for each other and receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Wed 12th Rathmore 7.00pm Eileen & Jerh Murphy, Corran & their son Jerry & his friend Sean Murphy
Alan Newman & his grandchild baby Grace. Tim & Nina Murphy, East End & their daughters Margaret & Marie
Deceased members of the Lawlor family, Station Road

Wed 12th Rathmore 7.30pm **Confirmation Penitential Service** Holy Family, Shrone, & Meentogues NS

Thur 13th Knocknagree 9.30am People of the Parish

Fri 14th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (Months Mind) Cyril Hickey, Gneeveguilla Village



Sat 15th Shrone 6.00pm Timothy, Johanna, John & Patrick O'Donoghue, Gortdarrig
Sheila O'Callaghan, Gortnagown & her parents Mary & John Cremin.

Sat 15th Knocknagree 7.30pm Abina Herlihy, Park, Knocknagree. Pat O'Brien, Nohovaldaly

Sun 16th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Willie & Nellie Murphy, Gneeveguilla Village Upr
Donal O'Mahony & his daughter in law Geraldine. Diarmuid & Kathleen Murphy, Scrahanfadda
John & Nora O'Leary, Gneeveguilla Village. Michael D & Mary Kelliher, Mausrouer Gneeveguilla.

Sun 16th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Michael & Bridie Moynihan, Raheen East.



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 Máire, Seán, Siobhán, Brian and Páid Dineen & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Abbie Dineen, Hollymount. Her sister Mary, brothers Johnny & Larry Kelly & extended family. Abbie's funeral took place on Friday 31st Jan in Rathmore

To Mary Houlihan, Margaret, Kathleen, Denis & families on the death of Dinny Houlihan Rathmore, husband & father & grandfather. His sisters Lucy, Mary and Kay, his brothers Joseph and Jerry & extended families. Dinny's funeral took place on Saturday 1st Feb in Rathmore.

Remembering Sheila Manning (nee Long) Knocknaloman who died on the 22/01/2025 in Boston
May Abbie, Dinny & Sheila 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.

Diocesan Collection: The annual collection for the **Lourdes Helpers** will take place this weekend 8th/9th February Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office.



Our Novena Mass in Knocknagree on Tuesday at 8pm will be a Healing Mass where we can gather to pray with and for each other and receive the Sacrament of Anointing

World Day of the Sick

World Day of the Sick is celebrated annually on 11 February, liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In this Jubilee Year, in which the Church invites us to become 'pilgrims of hope', to celebrate the Day dedicated to the sick, the Holy Father chooses a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Romans, in which the apostle infuses the Christian community of Rome with courage.

Hope, the central message of the Jubilee, gives substance to the Pope's invitation, and at the same time his wish, to all those who suffer and to those who care for the sick. A hope that - Francis observes - *makes us steadfast in difficulties and offers nourishment to that virtue that is called fortitude and is - like hope - a gift from God.*

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"
(Lk 24:28-30)

This gift is one of the aspects through which God's presence is manifested in our lives. It is also a gift to walk beside the Risen One, who fills that suffering with meaning, so that we too, like the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:13-53) 'we can share with him our anxieties, concerns and disappointments, and listen to his word, which enlightens us and warms our hearts. Like them too, we can recognise him present in the breaking of the bread'. It is therefore clear how illness is first and foremost an occasion of encounter with Christ. 'In the time of illness, in fact,' writes Pope Francis, 'if on the one hand we feel all our frailty as creatures - physical, psychological and spiritual - on the other hand we experience the closeness and compassion of God, who in Jesus shared our sufferings' and so we discover that we can anchor ourselves to an unshakable rock and experience the consolation that comes from God.

But it is also an encounter with the other, with those who are sick, with those who heal and care. Here then, the places where people suffer - hospitals, nursing homes, families - also become 'places of sharing, where we enrich one another. How many times,' the Holy Father observed, 'at the bedside of a sick person, one learns to hope! How many times, being close to those who suffer, one learns to believe! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are "angels" of hope and messengers of God for one another, all of us together: whether patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious.

This walking together, Pope Francis concludes, 'is a sign for everyone, "a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope"'. A luminous testimony that substantiates the exhortation of this Jubilee: 'Spes non confundit', 'hope does not disappoint'.

Sacrament of Confirmation Rathmore

Wednesday 12th	Rathmore 7.30pm	Confirmation Penitential Service
Tuesday 18th	Rathmore 11.00 a.m.	Confirmation Ceremony :

