

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 Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 2401331 on call Sunday 16th Feb for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025

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
Andrew O'Rahilly & his daughter Mary, Knocknagree

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, Mausroul Gneeveguilla.

Fr Pat O
Donnell
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Sun 16th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Michael & Bridie Moynihan, Raheen East

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Mon 17th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Johnny O'Leary, Ard Mhuire & Gullane. Mary & Patrick Donnelly, Coom Lr
Brendan Kelly & all deceased of the Kelly family Gullane. "Remembrance Christmas Tree Mass" requested by the
Gneeveguilla Tidy Towns

Tues 18th Rathmore 11.00am *Sacrament of Confirmation*

Wed 19th Rathmore 9.30am (Note Mass Time) People of the Parish

Thur 20th Gneeveguilla (Note Church) 9.30pm Donors Intentions

Fri 21st Rathmore 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Pa Joe O'Sullivan, Beheenagh

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.

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



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



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found opposite
Car Park in
Rathmore
Enquire to the
Sacristy or the
Parish Office
064 7761669

Prayers & Sympathies: To Chris, Timmy & Patsy Sheehan & their families on the death of their mother Eileen Sheehan
(nee Fleming)/o Gneeveguilla Village , to her sister Kathleen, her brothers Liam, David, Oliver and Ray & extended family.

Eileens funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on Friday 7th February.

To Caroline & Con Murphy & family on the death of Carolines mother Mary Roland whose funeral took place in Mayo
on Sat 8th February.

May Eileen & Mary 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.

Knocknagree Kenya The Church gate collection which took place on Sat 1st Feb raised €1,075.00 a further €258.35 was
donated from Knocknagree Crib donations. A sincere thank you to all

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra is delighted to announce its upcoming school musical, *Belle*, which will take place on
Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th. Doors open at **7:00 PM**, with the show starting promptly at **7:30
PM**. Tickets are €15 (Adult) | €10 (Student/Child/Senior Citizen) – Tickets are available now from the school office. This is our
main fundraiser for 2025, and we welcome all support through programme advertisements (€100 full-page, €50 half-page –
deadline Weds 19th Feb) or spot prize donations. All sponsors will be acknowledged and mentioned during the event. For
more details, contact norma.aherne@spslrathmore.ie or aisling.kelly@spslrathmore.ie. Thank you for your support



The Sacrament of Confirmation

This Tuesday is a big day in the life of our Christian Community, when the Bishop comes to Administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to the Pupils of Shrone, Meentogues, and Holy Family Schools.

Jesus told his disciples that he had to return to the Father so that the Holy Spirit could be poured out upon them – an Advocate who would lead them in all truth. After his resurrection Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and passed on the divine power of forgiveness.

After Jesus ascended into heaven the apostles waited for a more complete outpouring of the Holy Spirit who came upon them as a mighty wind and tongues of fire – the first Pentecost. In the Book of Acts the apostles hear of people who have been baptized but who have not received the Holy Spirit,

and they hurry to them to confer the Spirit upon them and thus complete their Baptism with a celebration of Pentecost. The Biblical Church and the Early Church fathers understood Jesus' actions as instituting a distinct sacrament that both completed Baptism and conferred the Holy Spirit upon the believer. It was, and continues to be, a celebration of Pentecost. In practice

The early Church baptized and confirmed in the same ceremony. Running water was preferred, so most baptisms took place outdoors in streams, rivers or lakes. Following the Baptism, the new Christian was dressed in a white garment and lead into Church where the Bishop was waiting to confirm them. When infants were baptized, the same process was used, and the infant was baptized and confirmed in the same ceremony.

The Church very early divided into two major groups: the Latin Rite, headquartered in Rome, and the Eastern Rite, headquartered in the new Roman capital of Constantinople. The Latin Rite church reserved the celebration of Confirmation to the Bishop, while the Eastern Rite gave the parish priest the power to celebrate Confirmation at the same time as Baptism. Thus, in the Latin Rite (we are Latin rite) Confirmation became separated from Baptism.

Bishops by and large had huge territories and were able to get to their parishes every few years. The practice was that everyone who had been baptized, regardless of age, was confirmed when the Bishop visited the parish.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Commentator: the laying on of hands is a sign that God is blessing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that God is choosing them for a special purpose. The Bishop will be assisted by the priests present.

Bishop/Priest: My dear friends, in Baptism, God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

Hymn: (all stand) Come Holy Spirit

Congregation remains seated while candidates stand, the priests extend their hands in prayer

Bishop/Priest: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit, you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage and the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:**

Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Commentator: In Old Testament times oil was used to remind people that they were being filled with God's power and strength. The Bishop makes the Sign of the Cross with the oil of Chrism on the forehead of those being confirmed. It is a sign that they are being strengthened by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's work.

Bishop/Priest : **N...**, be sealed with gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: **Amen.**

Bishop/Priest : Peace be with you.

Candidate: **And with your spirit.**

