ENFIELD RATHMOLYON PARISH

THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF RATHMOLYON, JORDANSTOWN & ENFIELD

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St Michael's Church	8pm Saturday 10.00am Sunday
Church of the Assumption	6.30pm Saturday
	9.00am and 11.30am Sunday

THE PARISH OFFICE

Bookings and enquiries for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be made through the Parish office located at the Parochial House in Enfield.

Office hours for bookings:
11.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday
9.00am – 1.00pm Wednesday – Friday.

Fr. Patrick & Fr. John are available to meet anytime.
All Masses or bookings should come through the office as they do not have the Parish diary.
Mass cards are also available at the Parish Office.
The Meeting Room-Enfield (Beside the Parochial House) is open between 9.00am – 6.00pm daily, for quiet reflection.

PARISH WEBCAMS

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-rathmolyon
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-assumption

DEVOTIONS

PADRE PIO MASS

The next Padre Pio Mass takes place on Saturday 23rd September, St Michael's Church Rathmolyon. For October it will take place on Friday 13th October

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

7th October at 10.00am in the Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown.

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recited every Monday at 3.00pm in the Church of the Assumption.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish Meeting Room Enfield, Tuesday 9.00am – 10.30am
St. Michael's Church, Wednesday after 10am Mass

PARISH DATABASE

The Parish team are continuing to update the Parish database if you would like to be included in the database, please scan the QR code / call the Parish office / or pop in to the office with your details. This will help us to keep in touch with you by emailing you information on our parish.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We as a Community
strive to grow in faith as shown by the example of Jesus,
and to share God the Fathers' love with our neighbour.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
we seek to build a vibrant faith community,
where every person is valued, accepted and supported
on their journey of faith.

PARISH PRIORITY FOR THE FUTURE

"Announcing the Word of God
to those living in the parish"

REFLECTION

We often remember the sacrifices our parents made for us. Financial generosity, giving their time, understanding us when we go wrong. The first family story of Jesus is a tough story – Joseph caring for him and Mary through the dangers of the journey into Egypt and back, like asylum seekers or refugees today fleeing from danger in their country.

We salute the love of parents, siblings, guardians, grandparents and extended families; we remember at different times of life how much they did for us and gave to us.

In the difficulties of family life today, the role of the church is to support family life of all kinds – with education, faith-formation, supporting political structures that support family life, being there for families in bad times like illness and death, and providing a place to celebrate family life in marriage and baptism. Parishes try to be committed to supporting family life.

Jesus came not only to be with us, but to care. This is the call to the church – being in the world and being for the world.

'Joseph took the child and his mother/ He was a caring man, looking after them, making a huge difference to a small number of people – this is the message of love in the gospel.

PARISH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHED UPDATE

WOMEN'S SHED

The next meeting of the Women's Shed is on Wednesday the 27th of September at 11.00am in the meeting room in Enfield. The group chose to start their 'shed group' with a decoupage course. If interested and not registered please call the Parish Office to register your details.

MEN'S SHED

On Thursday the 28th of September the Men's shed are holding a Coffee Afternoon in the Meeting Room at 3-4pm. All are welcome, the group have decided they would like to start their shed with a woodwork course. If you are interested, please call into the coffee afternoon or call the Parish Office

Festival of Faith

18th – 24th September

The Festival of Faith, will be similar to a Novena. It will be in honour of the Holy Family, with a novena prayer to the Holy Family recited at each of the Masses.

A picture of the Holy Family has been placed before each Altar, as the focal point of our Festival of Faith. A petition box will be close by where you can write your private petitions and sheets of paper have been provided for this. The petitions will be remembered in all of the Novena Masses

As you will see, each day has a special theme. Many people like the challenge of attending all of the Novena Mass during the evening of the Festival of Faith, while some like to attend particular evenings that appeal to them.

Monday

Appreciation of Teachers in our Parish Schools.

The Parish Leadership Team and behalf of the Parish community will gather the teachers and staff from all three Parish National Schools together for a special lunch after school.

That morning the Opening Year Mass will be celebrated in St Patricks N.S Baconstown followed by an opening year Mass in St Michaels N.S Kill

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Tuesday

Valuing our Children

The opening year prayer services take place in St Mary's N.S Enfield for Junior, Senior and First Class.

At 2.50pm the 6th Class after school programme continues, after last week's introductory session. It takes place in the Meeting Room in Enfield. In communicating the Gospel, it is important to meet people where they are at, and so the Parish Team hope to communicate the Gospel with the young people through art and crafts concluding each week in helping the young people to understand prayer and why prayer is important.

Novena Mass – 7.30pm St Michaels Church, Rathmolyon
The Novena Mass today takes place in St Michaels Church Rathmolyon. Everyone is welcome to this Mass. We welcome in a special way the boys and girls preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion and also the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be enrolled in the preparation programmes and the Faith Community will make promises to pray for them.

The Special novena prayer will be recited at the Mass.

Wednesday

Appreciating Family life

The opening year Mass for Second Class takes place in St Mary's N.S Enfield.

Novena Mass –7.30pm Church of the Assumption Jordanstown

At this novena Mass, as a Faith Community we will give thanks to God for the gift of Family.

The family should be the first church which children should know, and in which they are reminded of God and helped to pray by what they see around them. The Christian Faith begins at home. Parents are the first religion teachers and the most important of all teachers of religion.

The homily at this novena Mass will focus on family life – the challenges and the blessings, the joys and the sorrows. We will recite the Novena prayer and at the end of Mass. Families are welcome to come forward for an individual family blessing. Everyone is welcome to this Novena Mass.

Thursday

Appreciating the Work of our Hands

The opening year prayer services for Third and Fourth Class from St Mary's N.S Enfield will take place in the Meeting Room in Enfield,

Novena Mass –7.30pm Church of the Assumption Jordanstown

At this Novena Mass we give thanks to God for our hands. All are welcome to this Special Mass. The novena prayer will be recited and parishioners' hands will be blessed with oil from the Holy Land.

Christians are co-workers with God. Being co-workers with God means that we work together as a unit to achieve what God desires and part of that is building the Christian Church. That is why Paul emphasized ministry and sharing the Good News with people.
Being a co-worker with God does not mean that God needs laborers for Him to do His work. After all, He created everything by Himself. Instead, it means that we are co-workers in governing the world that He created.
It means that we have the responsibility to take care of what God has given us, which is literally everything. It also means that we have the responsibility to be the ministry of Christ, which was given to us as a responsibility.
We should share the Good News with the world through our ministry. It does not mean that we should all stand in the pulpit and preach. After all, we have different gifts. It means we become active in the sharing of the Word to others especially those who have not heard the Word.

Friday

Valuing volunteers

The opening year prayer services for Fifth and Sixth Class from St Mary's N.S Enfield will take place in the Meeting Room in Enfield.

Novena Mass – 7.30pm St Michaels church Rathmolyon

At this Novena Mass we give thanks to God for of all volunteers in our Faith Community and wider community. All are welcome to this special Mass. The novena prayer will be recited and the homily will focus on appreciating volunteers and the importance of volunteering our gifts and talents to the wider community. As Christians we are called to share our God given talents with the community as a way of serving Jesus.

Saturday Morning

APPRECIATING OUR PETS AND ANIMALS

Blessing of Pets

11.00am outside St Michaels Church Rathmolyon

11.00am outside The Parish Meeting Room Enfield.

Parishioners are kindly asked to have full control over your pets and all dogs- small and big must be on leads and one dog per adult. Please bear in mind that animals can get excitable when around other animals.

Saturday Evening

Church of the Assumption Jordanstown - 6.30pm
Normal Evening Mass

St Michaels Church Rathmolyon - 8.00pm
All are welcome to this Mass. The Novena prayer will be recited. It is also the Feast Day of Padre Pio, and the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. Some people preparing for surgery like to avail of the Sacrament of the Sick or those receiving treatment for cancer or other illnesses. Also, those going through stress, bereavement, broken relationships or just not feeling themselves like to receive this sacrament and special blessing.

Sunday

Usual Sunday Schedule

Church of the Assumption Jordanstown	**9.00am**
St Michaels Church Rathmolyon	**10.00am**

Novena Mass Church of the Assumption Jordanstown 11.30am

At this novena Mass we give thanks to God for the gift of Love. All are welcome to this special Mass. The novena prayer will be recited. Married couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows. Couples who are engaged or couples not married will be included in a prayer of blessing.

Adult Faith Development

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From October Lectio Divina will take place on two different Days. On Thursday at 8.00pm- 9.00pm it will take place in the Meeting Room in Enfield and on Friday morning form 10.30am – 11.30am in Rathmolyon Church. The group are always open to new people and there is no pressure to attend every week.

We explore the Sunday Gospel though prayer and discussion to see what message the Lord has for our Parish and for the individual. People find the group a great help in trying to learn more about the scripture and Jesus in a very gentle way.

All are welcome.

Youth Ministry News

Update on Youth Faith development

6th Class After School programme
Our 6th Class Afterschool's group started this week. It was great to have so many young people from our Parish Schools involved. This is a group based on Faith, Fun & Friendship. There are still some places available.

Secondary School Youth Group
On September 29Th in the meeting room in the Parish our Youth group for all in Post Primary starts. The group meets at 1.30- 3.00pm every Friday. Each week through art, drama, and craft we will look at issues going on for the young people in a fun and friendly environment.

Youth Parish Steering Group (Youth Parish Assembly)
Once a month the Youth Steering Group meets to look at the needs of the young people in our Parish. It is hoped that the young people will do the Gaisce Award this year. The President's Award is a programme for 14–25 year olds. Michael D Higgins sees it as a challenge for all young people

'To dream big and realise their potential'

GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Worship Band
The Worship band is open to anyone in Post Primary School. It meets every Thursday from 4-5pm. This year the worship band are doing a number of workshops on the following;
Drums, Music Technology, Sound Technology, and Singing.
The Worship band is open to all.

Please contact Sinead in the Parish Office for further details.

Safeguarding

Parish Safeguarding Children policy is available in the Parish Office or please *visit:* *www.meathsafeguarding.ie*

If you have concerns please contact;		
Meath Diocese DLP Marie O'Sullivan	Tulsa	Garda Nat. Protective Service
083-3175742	046-9098560	01-6663430

Weekend Mass intentions for the Month Ahead

SUNDAY MASS	16th / 17th September	23rd/24th Septe
6.30pm Jordanstown	*Mary Clancy M.M and her husband Eamon.* *Jimmy Burke* *Tom and Ann Healy and deceased family members.*	*Padre Pio Mass*
8.00pm Rathmolyon	*Frank Farrell.* *Martin Harte.*	*Packy Mguire and son Packy (Junior)*
.00am Jordanstown		*John Colgan and parents Kathleen and Pat and deceased family members.* *William Murphy.*
10.00am Rathmolyon	*Johnny Bagnall.* *Ivan Flanagan.*	*John Brady.*
11.30am Jordanstown	Catherine Maloney and deceased family members. Peg Doran.	Michael and Kate Mullally and Johnny Cronly.

Sacrament of Baptism

St Michaels Church Rathmolyon:
Saturday 2.00pm, and Sunday after the 10.00am Mass
Church of the Assumption Jordanstown:
Saturday 3.00pm and Sunday after the 11.30am Mass.
For the ceremonies we will try to have no more than 2 babies for baptism along with family and friends. Godparents should be people of faith who practise their faith regularly.

Sacrament of the sick

Once a month alongside Novena Mass to Padre Pio. It is also available anytime from Fr. Patrick or Fr. John. If you are preparing for surgery, receiving treatment, bereavement, broken relationships or just not feeling yourself, you might like to receive this sacrament and special blessing. If you would like to receive it be sure to ask Fr. Patrick or Fr. John and they would be happy to offer this blessing to you.

Sacrament of penance

On request and at the monthly Padre Pio Mass.

Administration

Parish Finance
Thanks to all those who are supporting the parish financially, everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.
Parish income last Sunday

Plate	Jordanstown €635	Rathmolyon €490
Building	Jordanstown €405	Rathmolyon €115
Offerings	Jordanstown €660	Rathmolyon €390

Standing order contributions for August €1436.62
Peter Pence €30.
For those who would like to financially support the parish through Standing Order.

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Community Notes

Bewley's Big Coffee Morning
In aid of our local hospice @ Gilberstown, Longwood, Co Meath A83KR27
Friday & Saturday 22nd & 23rd of September 10.00am-12.30pm
Contact Geraldine Halton 086-1684017

Na Fianna Lotto Jackpot €2,250
No. 1, 7. 9, 19
Rathmolyon Lotto Jackpot €4,500
No 8, 9, 17, 19
Pioneer Association
If any interested in joining please contact Jenny 086-8445433

Alpha Series

The next Alpha Series will be run in the Parish in Early Spring 2024 beginning on **Thursday 1st February**. We are encouraging anyone interested in exploring more about their faith to come along. It will be an evening series beginning at 7.45pm and concluding at 9.15pm and run over 11 weeks.

Alpha is a series exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session covers a different topic e.g. Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? and how and why to read the Bible?

There is a short film, followed by a time of discussion; where you can share your thoughts, ask more questions and explore other's points of view.

Remembering Children who have died before or after Birth

Friday 10th November

On Thursday 10th November in St Michaels Church Rathmolyon at 7.30pm we will support and pray for parents who have lost a son or daughter. At this prayer service we pray for parents, family members and friends who have had to cope with the tragic and untimely death of their infant, child, teenager, or adult son or daughter.
At this ceremony we remember with love and celebrate the lives of babies who have died before or around the time of birth. We remember the short and precious lives of children who have died and we remember adult sons or daughters who have died. We welcome parents who have undergone the trauma of abortion.
Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after.

Annual Bereavement Mass

15th November

Remembering all those who died in our parish over the last 12 months. All are welcome.

Cemetery Sunday 2024

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Kill	Saturday 25th May (Evening)
Jordanstown	Sunday 26th May (Morning)