



**THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF
RATHMOLYON, JORDANSTOWN & ENFIELD**

15 December 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We as a community strive to grow in faith as shown by the example of Jesus, and to share God the Father's 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 AIM FOR 2024 & 2025

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St Michael's Church 8.00pm Saturday 10.00am Sunday
Church of the Assumption 6.30pm Saturday 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. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office.

Office hours for bookings:

9.00am -10.30am Tuesday

9.00am - 1.00pm Wednesday - Friday.

Devotions

HEALING

The next Mass with healing and intercession to Padre Pio takes place on Friday 3 January in St Michaels Church Rathmolyon at 7.30pm

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Holy Hour Monday at 2.30pm-3.30pm in the Church of the Assumption with Rosary and chaplet recited at 3pm.

First Saturday Devotions

The next First Saturday Devotions take place 4 January before the Vigil Mass in the Church of the Assumption- Rosary at 6.00pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish Meeting Room Enfield

Monday 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 10.30am

St. Michael's Church, Rathmolyon

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament due to restoration works.

In this parish there is no charge/fee/donation/offering for a house blessing or visitation, First Friday Call, blessing of car or religious objects. Fr Patrick is delighted to be of help. If you really want to make an offering/donation out of gratitude, please donate it to the parish fund for up keep of parish through the parish office or in the offering basket on Sundays.

If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or get a family member to do so on your behalf and the Parish Pastoral Care Team will visit with Holy Communion.

Email: pastoralcareholycommunion@gmail.com

THE PARISH OFFICE



The Parish Office will close on Friday 20th December at lunch time and reopen on Tuesday 7th January. Please keep this in mind when booking Masses & Baptisms as it will not be possible to make bookings during these two weeks.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Takes place on Sunday 15th December in the Parish field, Enfield beside the Parochial House. Santa will arrive by horse and carriage at 4.00pm.

The cost per family is €10 which includes a family photo with Santa, tea, coffee, pop corn, hot dogs and roasted chestnuts. We hope to have live music. The event will end around 6.30pm.

In order to cater for numbers we would appreciate if you could book through

eventbrite.

**Thanks to Hannons
Supervalu for their support
for our Christmas event.**



**MONDAY, TUESDAY WEDNESDAY 16/17/18
DECEMBER**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation(confessions) will be celebrated as a community on

Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in Michael's Church

Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm in the Church of the Assumption.

Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Church of the Assumption.

The evenings will begin with Mass with a nice atmosphere of prayer in the church. For many different reasons many people may have had a bad experience of confessions in the past or may find it difficult. On these evenings after the gospel parishioners will be invited to come forward, like at Holy Communion, and individually say to Fr Patrick 'I am sorry for my sin and I ask Gods forgiveness'. Fr. Patrick will pray the prayer of absolution with you and you will return to your seat. For those who would like the traditional form of confession. Fr. Patrick will be available after the Mass.

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Rorate Mass

A Rorate Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, symbolising Mary's role in bringing Jesus the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Takes place on Friday 20th of December at 6.00am in the Church of the Assumption.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Michaels Church

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Christmas
Day 10.00am

Church of the Assumption Jordanstown

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm, 5.30pm, 9.30pm
Christmas Day: 11.30am





THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a joyful period of preparation for the birthday of Jesus. There are a variety of ways we can prepare as a parish.

- Make a special effort to attend the Sunday Masses as a family.
- Spend a few minutes praying as a family, either before bed time or before a meal.
- Try to sit at the table as a family daily and share a meal together even if it's just to have a mug of tea or hot chocolate and a biscuit.
- Attend one of the reconciliation Masses

Each of the Weekend Masses will have a particular theme

3rd Sunday Blessing of the Baby Jesus. Please bring the figure of baby Jesus to this weekend Mass

4th Sunday Blessing of your Christmas Candle- Please bring a special Christmas Candle which you will put on your Dinner Table for Christmas



The Advent Challenge

We are encouraging households to come together each day of Advent to share at least one meal a day together- sitting at a table - The meal can be as simple as a cup of tea and a biscuit or a full meal - the important thing is coming together and having the chat about the day's events.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

These special cards are available from the parish office. They are nice to send to people who have been bereaved or people living abroad. Cards cost €10 and goes towards the support of the parish. The intentions will be remembered at Masses over the Christmas period.

RESTORATION WORK IN OUR PARISH

Work continues on St. Michael's Church which will remain closed outside of the vigil Mass on Saturday evening and the Sunday morning Mass and the Mass and confessions on Monday 16 until work is complete (with the exception of the two weeks at Christmas). Any funerals Monday to Friday will take place in the Church of the Assumption, Jordanstown.

SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH TRIM

A Carol Service will take place in St Patrick's church Trim on Sunday 15 December at 6.00pm led by Meath Diocesan Choir, Trim Parish Choir and Gluais. Admission Free. All are welcome.



TAP AND GO

'Tap and Go' machines are located in both of our churches for the weekly collection for those who no longer carry cash. They are located at the back of the church beside the Newsletters.

SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MEETING ROOM THIS WEEK

Monday	9.00am - 5.00pm	Open for prayer
	5.00pm - 9.00pm	Adoration
Tuesday	9.00am-10.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday - Sunday	9.00AM - 6.00PM	Open for prayer

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The Adult Faith Development and Youth Faith Development Groups will take a break until the New Year. The Worship Band continue to meet in preparation for Christmas Eve.

ADMINISTRATION

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

PARISH INCOME LAST SUNDAY- Thank you for your support!

Plate	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon€
Building	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon €
Offerings	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon €

STANDING ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER €1338

'TAP & Go' €55.00

For those who would like to financially support the parish through Standing Order. Please make the parish office aware if you do so that we can put you on our records.

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On request and at the monthly Padre Pio Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH RATHMOLYON:

Saturday 2.00pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION JORDANSTOWN:

Saturday 3.00pm and Sunday after the 11.30am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Once a month alongside novena Mass to Padre Pio. It is also available anytime from Fr. Patrick. 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

	14th /15 th December	21 st 22 nd December
6.30pm Church of the Assumption	Nguika Helen Atabong Fualefok. George and Kitty Larkin and Paula Brady.	Peggy and Jimmy Gorry and Mary, Michael and Enda O'Neill. Noel Doherty and deceased members of the Keogh family.
8.00pm St Michaels	Leonard Slevin (London late of Isacacstown) Brigid Healy, Betty Nolan, Christy and Molly Murray, Nan, Kit and Jack Donnelly, Maureen, Christy and Tina O'Rafferty.	The Hunt family. Mary and Paddy O'Brien and son John. Honor and John O'Brien. James and Ann Baruy
10.00am St Michaels	Jon Payne (1 st Ann) Donnie and Marian Larkin.	John Greville (1 st Ann) his brother Ted and sisters Mary and Margaret Greville.
11.30am Church of the Assumption	James and Marguerita Holton and Leo Mc Kenna. Teresa and Patrick Boggan	The deceased members of Brayton Crescent (Baynefield) Bertie, Ita Healy Rose Fowler and Eilish Cherubini

ETERNAL REST: PLEASE PRAY FOR CON BOYLAN, LONGWOOD LAID TO REST THIS WEEK.

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION JORDANSTOWN

MONDAY	7.30PM
TUESDAY	7.30PM GERRY WALSH, CHRIS & NUALA COSGRAVE
WEDNESDAY	7.30PM Patsy Kelly and deceased family members. Jane Mc Loughlin and Breda Tyrrell
Thursday	10.00am Parish Mass Cards,
Friday	6.00am Mary & Phil Troy and Kevin & Betty Griffin