



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF RATHMOLYON, JORDANSTOWN & ENFIELD

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The Fourth 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:

Closed until Tuesday 7th January

Devotions

HEALING

The next Mass with healing and intercession to Padre Pio takes place on Friday 3rd January in St Michael's 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

No Adoration until Tuesday 7th Jan 2025

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

St. Michael's Church Rathmolyon

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 Parish Team would like to thank all those who sent us Christmas cards. Thanks too, to those who have offered us words of encouragement and supported us in any way. It is all greatly appreciated.

The Parish Team

REFLECTION

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.



In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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. There will be a newsletter on Christmas Eve/Day.

THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

Santa Claus arrived in style on Sunday afternoon to the Parish field. The Parish 'Christmas Experience' was a great success with over 800 people in attendance. Thanks to the nearly 50 volunteers who helped on the day and in the weeks of preparation before the event.



A great day was had with Elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was lovely to see the Parish Community all coming together chatting and entering into the Christmas spirit.

Please come and visit the Crib over the Christmas



Thanks to Hannons SuperValu for their generous support for our Christmas event.

RESTORATION WORK IN OUR PARISH

Work has taken a break for the Christmas period. Rewiring of the church is on schedule. New floor cover was fitted between the altar and the pews and looks very well. Thanks to the volunteers who cleaned the church every weekend in preparation for the weekend Masses.

Work will resume on the 6th January. The church will close for most of January- this will include weekends. This is necessary in order to rewire the main body of the church and fit the new lighting. It is also necessary in order to facilitate the painting of the interior. Apologies for any inconvenience. Weekend Masses will only be celebrated in the church of the Assumption, Jordanstown 11th /12th and 18th /19th January. It is hoped to resume weekend Mass in St Michaels on 25th /26th January.

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

The Meeting Room will be open for prayer from 9.00am - 6.00pm for the next two weeks. As you visit the crib on the lawn be sure to drop in for a few minutes for some quiet prayer and reflection.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The Adult Faith Development and Youth Faith Development Groups will take a break until the New Year.

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 €555	Rathmolyon € 430
Building	Jordanstown €605	Rathmolyon €320
Offerings	Jordanstown €20	Rathmolyon €10

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.

S.V.P. ANNUAL COLLECTION RAISED JORDANSTOWN €1,096 AND €643 IN RATHMOLYON, MANY THANKS

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

	21 st 22 nd December	28 th /29 th December
6.30pm Church of the Assumption	Peggy and Jimmy Gorry and Mary, Michael and Enda O'Neill. Noel Doherty and deceased members of the Keogh family.	Orla Kennedy. Brendan and Thomas Geraghty
8.00pm St Michaels	The Hunt family. Mary and Paddy O'Brien and son John. Honor and John O'Brien. James and Ann Baruy	Con Boylan M.M. Anne Sweeny. Kathleen Farrell
10.00am St Michaels	John Greville (1 st Ann) his brother Ted and sisters Mary and Margaret Greville.	Christopher and Bridgie Murray and their son Michael. Edward and Mary Colgan, Patrick and Mary Colgan. Michael and Helena Martin.
11.30am Church of the Assumption	The deceased members of Brayton Crescent (Baynefield) Bertie, Ita Healy Rose Fowler and Eilish Cherubini	Jimmy Mc Nally and son John. John Flynn (20 th Ann and birthday remembrance)