

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

23 February 2025 The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 7th March 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 1st March 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: pastoralcareholychommunion@gmail.com

ALPHA



The Alpha Series continues on Thursday evening in the function room of the Gregory at 8.00pm. There are no more places available. This week's topic – How can we have Faith?

Alpha for youth

The Alpha series for Ember Collective and 'Alpha for Youth' for Ember Youth resumes this week after their midterm break,

CATECHESIS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

AUDIENCE HALL

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2025



Dear brothers and sisters!

The Jubilee is for people and for the Earth a new beginning; it is a time when everything must be rethought within the dream of God. And we know that the word "conversion" indicates

a *change of direction*. Everything can be seen, at last, from another perspective, and so our steps also go towards new goals. This is how hope, which never disappoints, arises. The Bible tells of this in many ways. And for us too, the experience of faith has been stimulated by encounters with people who have been able to change in life and have, so to speak, entered into God's dreams. For even though there is much evil in the world, we can distinguish who is different: their greatness, which often coincides with littleness, wins us over.

In the Gospels, the figure of Mary Magdalene stands out above all others for this. Jesus healed her with mercy (cf. Lk 8:2), and she changed: sisters and brothers, mercy changes, mercy changes the heart, and for Mary Magdalene, mercy brought her into God's dreams and gave new purpose to her journey.

The Gospel of John tells of her encounter with the Risen Jesus in a way that makes us think. It is repeated several times that Mary *turned around*. The Evangelist chooses his words well! In tears, Mary looks first inside the tomb, then she turns around: the Risen one is not on the side of death, but on the side of life. He can be mistaken for one of the people we encounter every day. Then, when she hears her name spoken, the Gospel says that again Mary turns around. And this is how her hope grows: now she sees the tomb, but not like before. She can dry her tears, because she has heard her own name: only the Master pronounces it in this way. The old world still seems to be there, but it is no more. When we feel that the Holy Spirit is acting in our heart, and we feel that the Lord is calling us by name, do we know how to distinguish the voice of the Master?

Dear brothers and sisters, from Mary Magdalene, whom tradition calls "the apostle of the apostles", we learn hope. One enters the new world by *converting more than once*. Our journey is a constant invitation to change perspective. The Risen One takes us into His world, step by step, on the condition that we do not claim to know everything already. Let us ask ourselves today: do I know how to *turn around* to see things differently, with a different outlook? Do I have the desire for conversion?

An overconfident ego that is too proud prevents us from recognizing the Risen Jesus. Even when we weep and despair, we turn our back on Him. Instead of looking into the darkness of the past, into the emptiness of a tomb, from Mary Magdalene we learn to turn towards life. There our Master awaits us. There our name is spoken. For in real life there is a place for us, always and everywhere. There is a place for you, for me, for everyone. No one can take it, because it has always been meant for us. It is bad, as they say in the common parlance, it is bad to leave an empty seat: "This place is for me; if I don't go...". Everyone can say: I have a place, I am a mission! Think about this: what is my place? What is the mission that the Lord gives us? May this thought help us to take a courageous attitude in life. Thank you.

**ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**29th June – 4th July 2025

Cost €849 (single supplement applies)

The Pilgrimage is for all ages, - it is a great way to take time out and destress and take time away for gentle reflection. If you would like to book, please ring JWT on 01-6852244 and quote Group 1157.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Ember Lights gather on Tuesday at 3.00pm and continue their preparation for Confirmation.

Ember collective (Senior Youth) gather on Wednesday evening at 8.00pm and continue the Alpha Series

Ember Youth (1st Years) gather on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm and continue participating in the Alpha Youth Series.

MEN AND WOMEN'S SHED

Parish Women's Shed
Wednesday 11.00am-1.00pm

Parish Men's Shed
Wednesday 4.00pm – 6.00pm

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the young people from 6th Class to the 8.00pm Mass and 10.00am Mass this weekend for their 6th preparation Mass.

PARISH FINANCE

In these days a new set of Parish Envelopes are being delivered to homes. Thanks to all those who contribute to the finance of the parish through the Parish Envelopes and Standing Orders. If you have not received a box of envelopes and you would like to financially support the parish please contact the Parish Office. The support of all parishioners is needed to ensure that the parish is financially viable. Every parishioner with an income is invited to financially contribute to the work of our parish. **We particularly appeal to families who have availed of parish services** (weddings, baptisms, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation & Funerals or who have a loved one buried in the parish cemeteries) over recent years. Even if you do not attend Mass very often but wish to have important occasions celebrated here in the parish in the future such as baptisms, funerals, weddings etc., it would be nice to think that you are playing your part in the upkeep of the local Christian Community/parish. Every contribution you make, no matter how small, is an investment in the present and future of our parish.

SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MEETING ROOM THIS WEEK

Monday	9.00am – 5.00pm 5.00pm – 9.00pm	Open for prayer Adoration
Tuesday	9.00am-10.30pm 10.30am-2.00pm 2.00pm – 5.00pm 6.00pm -7.00pm 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Open for Prayer Ember Lights Worship Band Jordanstown Choir
Wednesday	9.00am -10.30pm 11.00am -2.00pm 4.00pm – 6.00pm 8.00pm - 10.00pm	Open for prayer Women's Shed Men's Shed Ember Collective
Thursday	9.00am – 6.00pm	Open for prayer
Friday	9.00am - 2.00pm 2.00pm- 4.30pm	Open for prayer Ember Youth
Saturday & Sunday	9.00- 6.00pm	Open for prayer

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 083-3175742	Tulsa 046-9098560	Garda Nat. Protective Service 01-6663430

PARISH INCOME LAST SUNDAY- Thank you for your support!

Plate	Jordanstown €790	Rathmolyon €325
Building	Jordanstown €235	Rathmolyon €220
Offerings	Jordanstown €145	Rathmolyon €125

STANDING ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY €1314**TAP & Go' €**

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. Thanks to all those who contribute financially to the parish, a big thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas collections or made an annual contribution.

IBAN: IE97 BOFI 9017 5757 3624 08 BIC: BOFIE2D**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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.

Please book through the Parish Office

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

	22 nd 23 rd February	1 st /2 nd March
6.30pm Church of the Assumption	Carmel O'Connell Fred Julia and Michael Kenny.	Peter and Elizabeth Slevin. "Tree of Hope Dedication"
8.00pm St Michaels	Jim Byrne M.M Michael Cole.	Anne and Arthur Hunt. Mark Fagan.
10.00am St Michael's	Angela Keogh M.M Malachy and Mary O'Rafferty and their son Michael.	Gerry Doherty (1 st Ann). James Brogan and parents Matthew and Mary.
11.30am Church of the Assumption	Michael Reynolds. Teresa Holton	Jim and Maura Mc Donnell and Fr, Denis Shiel .

DAILY MASS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION****ST. MICHAELS CHURCH**

Friday 10.00am

Na Fianna Lotto: 3,16,25,27. Jackpot €10,000**Rathmolyon Lotto:** 10,20,22,28. Jackpot € 8,100**Irish Catholic Newspaper** on sale at back of church €3.