

THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF  
RATHMOLYON, JORDANSTOWN & ENFIELD

27 April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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

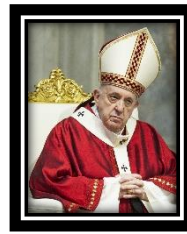
Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am

Wednesday 6.00pm-9.00pm

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](mailto:pastoralcareholycommunion@gmail.com)



Milan, titled "Awaiting a New Beginning. Reflections on Old Age."

POPE FRANCIS

17 December 1936 – 21 April 2025

POPE FRANCIS: DEATH IS NOT END OF EVERYTHING, BUT A NEW BEGINNING

Extract of the preface that the late Pope Francis wrote on February 7 for the book in Italian by Cardinal Angelo Scola, Archbishop Emeritus of

Angelo Scola speaks to us of old age, his old age, which he writes about with a disarmingly intimate touch: "it came upon me with sudden acceleration and in many ways unexpectedly." Already in his choice of the word with which he defines himself as "old;" I find a resonance with the author. Yes, we must not be afraid of old age, we must not fear embracing becoming old, because life is life, and sugarcoating reality means betraying the truth of things. Restoring pride to a term too often considered unhealthy is a gesture for which we should be grateful to Cardinal Scola.

Because to say "old" does not mean "to be discarded," as a degraded culture of waste sometimes leads us to think. Saying "old" instead means saying experience, wisdom, knowledge, discernment, thoughtfulness, listening, slowness... Values of which we are in great need!

It is true, one becomes old, but this is not the problem: the problem is *how* one becomes old. If we live this time of life as a grace, and not with resentment; if we accept the time (even a long one) in which we experience diminished strength, the increasing fatigue of the body, the reflexes no longer what they were in our youth – with a sense of gratitude and thankfulness – well then, old age too becomes an age of life which, as Romano Guardini taught us, is truly fruitful and capable of radiating goodness.

Angelo Scola highlights the human and social value of grandparents. I have often emphasized how the role of grandparents is of fundamental importance for the balanced development of the young, and ultimately for a more peaceful society. Because their example, their words, their wisdom can instil in the young a far-sighted vision, the memory of the past, and the anchoring in values that endure.

Amid the frenzy of our societies, often devoted to the ephemeral and the unhealthy taste for appearances, the wisdom of grandparents becomes a shining beacon, shedding light on uncertainty and providing direction to grandchildren, who can draw from their experience something "extra" for their daily lives.

The words that Angelo Scola dedicates to the theme of suffering, which often takes hold in becoming old, and consequently to death, are precious gems of faith and hope. In the reflections of this brother bishop, I hear echoes of the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar and Joseph Ratzinger – a theology "done on one's knees," steeped in prayer and in dialogue with the Lord.

This is why I said earlier that these are pages born "from the thought and the affection" of Cardinal Scola: not only from thought, but also from the emotional dimension, which is the one to which Christian faith points, since Christianity is not so much an intellectual act or a moral choice, but rather the affection for a person – that Christ who came to meet us and decided to call us friends.

It is precisely the conclusion of these pages by Angelo Scola, a heartfelt confession of how he is preparing himself for the final encounter with Jesus, that gives us a consoling certainty: death is not the end of everything, but the beginning of something. It is a new beginning, as the title wisely highlights, because eternal life, which those who love already begin to experience on earth within the daily tasks of life – is beginning something that will never end.

Pope Francis Vatican City, February 7, 2025

## SPECIAL MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

As a diocese we will gather with Bishop Tom in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar to celebrate Mass for Pope Francis on Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Local parishes, including this parish, gathered for a special Mass last Friday in Trim.

### THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Trocaire

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Church. For those who received parish envelopes there is an envelope for Trocaire which you might like to use instead of the Trocaire Box.

### 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 - **What about the Church?**

#### MASS WITH A FOCUS ON HEALING



Monthly Mass with a focus on healing and intercession to Padre Pio.

Takes place next **Friday 2 May** in St. Michael's church, Rathmolyon at 7.30pm.

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Rosary.

7.30pm Mass with the anointing of the Sick.

The evening will conclude with Benediction.



## ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISER.

The Parish Draw take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at our Family Field Day Festival.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE €5000. 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE €1000. 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE €500.**

Parishioners are invited to sell a book of tickets. The tickets cost €10 each with 12 tickets in a book. Those who sell a full book of tickets get to keep €20. There is a €100 prize for the seller of the winning ticket.

We are encouraging parishioners to sell tickets to family members who are connected to the parish and also to relations when they attend cemetery Sunday or when they visit over the summer months. There is absolutely no pressure to sell all the tickets - just to do your best.

All funds raised will go towards restoration works in St. Michael's church and pastoral programs in our parish.

Books of tickets will be available in the next few weeks and will be delivered to homes who have supported the parish fundraiser in previous years. We will also be in contact with families whose child have received the sacraments in recent years. Books of tickets will also be available in the church. Everyone's support would be greatly appreciated

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### EMBER LIGHTS

Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 2.30pm

#### EMBER COLLECTIVE (Senior Youth) is

back on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April as they continue the Alpha Series

**EMBER YOUTH** (1st Years) is back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and they too are continuing the Alpha Series.

**WORSHIP BAND** are back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May as they begin preparation for the graduation Mass in June for 6<sup>th</sup> class.



### ETERNAL REST

Please pray for Michael McHale and Mary Gunning whose funeral Masses took place recently in St Michaels church.

## MEN AND WOMEN'S SHED

### PARISH WOMEN'S SHED

Wednesday 11.00am-1.00pm

### PARISH MEN'S SHED

The Men's shed is now every Monday from 4.00-6.00pm and Wednesday from 4.00-6.00pm



### ADMINISTRATION

#### SAFEGUARDING

Parish Safeguarding Children policy is available in the Parish Office or please visit: [www.meathsafeguarding.ie](http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie)

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

#### PARISH INCOME LAST SUNDAY-

Thank you for your support!

<b>Plate</b>	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon €
<b>Building</b>	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon €
<b>Offerings</b>	Jordanstown €	Rathmolyon €

#### STANDING ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH €2005

#### TAP & GO €210

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.

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#### 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

	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> April	3 / 4 May
6.30pm Church of the Assumption	Sandra Quinn. Vincent, Frances and Nancy Griffin Pope Francis	Declan McCarthy Jim Murphy
8.00pm St Michaels	Richard Heaps and deceased family members. Christy, Jack and Mary Nolan and John Carroll Pope Francis	Michael & Christine Farrell
10.00am St Michael's	Delia McLoughlin. Jody Connolly. Pope Francis	
11.30am Church of the Assumption	Bridie Flynn (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) Kathleen Kenna. Pope Francis	Bob Tuite, Mary Loughlin, Annie & Charlie Tuite John Fagan

#### DAILY MASS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday Mass in the Cathedral Mullingar at 7.30pm

Thursday 10.00am

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wednesday 10.00am Parish Mass Cards

Friday 7.30pm List of the Dead