

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

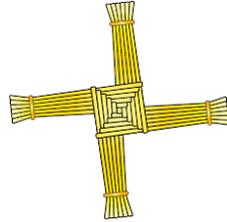
28 January - 4 February 2023

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FEASTS AND BLESSINGS

WEDNESDAY

We celebrate the Feast of St Brigid on 1 February and we will bless St Brigid Crosses at 10am Mass on Wednesday.



THURSDAY

The Feast of the Presentation in the Temple is traditionally called Candlemas and it is linked with the blessing of candles. We will bless candles at 10am Mass on Thursday. Even if you cannot attend, feel free to leave candles (with your name on them) for a blessing in the sacristy or parish office.



FRIDAY

The Feast of St Blaise is associated with the blessing of throats which will be available after 10am Mass on Friday.

8 February - International Day Of Prayer

This date is linked with the Feast of St Josephine Margaret Bakhita, a Sudanese nun who lived in Italy after having been a slave in Sudan. In 2000 she was made a saint, the first black saint in modern times.



A strong missionary drive animated her throughout her entire life—'her mind was always on God, and her heart in Africa'. Her last years were marked by pain and sickness. She used a wheelchair but she retained her cheerfulness, and if asked how she was, she would always smile and answer: 'As the master desires'. She is venerated as a modern African saint and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery. She has been adopted as the patron saint of modern Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

Please feel free to suggest ways we can mark this feast day on 8 February.

PARISH UPDATES

Parish Finance Committee

At last week's meeting, it was decided to explore further the possible use of 'tap' donations in the parish church. The fundraising golf classic is confirmed to take place on **Friday 16 June** in County Meath Golf Club. Please start thinking of putting in a team and taking part in it. We want it to be a fun and enjoyable day. Parking in the church car park in front of St Michael's and St Mary's was discussed. People are encouraged to leave space for school buses along the side wall to help them arrive and depart safely from 2pm until 3pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the 140 children who received the Sacrament on Friday. Thanks to Bishop Deenihan and Bishop Smith for being with us. Thanks also to the teachers, musicians, servers, sacristan and all who helped with the two ceremonies.

Booking Mass Intentions

It is best practice that each Mass would have only one Mass intention. However parishes can be permitted to have two 'shared Masses' per week. It has been decided, for a nine month trial beginning in May, that each Mass in Trim and Boardsmill will have only one intention and that the 7pm vigil Mass and Sunday Mass at 11am will be designated as 'shared Masses' with more than one intention.

Youth awards in the parish - register before 10 February

If you are aged 16 – 18 years old and you would like to take part in our parish awards programme this year, please contact Anne or Rosemary in the office at 94 312 51.

Saturday 7pm Tommy Daniel (First Anniv)
 Jim, Tenie Healy / Eamonn, Bernie Farrell
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am Christopher Lynch
 Monica, Pat, Jane Fitzsimons
Sunday 11am John Lynam, Patrick Daly
Sunday 12.30pm Dorothy Healy (MM)
 Jim, Lyda Andrews/ Joe Mc Evoy
Monday 10am Gerry, Bridie Egan & Dec'd Family
Tuesday 10am Patrick Lawlor
Wednesday 10am Peter Butterly
 Brian, Elizabeth Finnegan & Dec'd Family
Thursday 10am George, Rose, Willie Lane
Friday 10am List of the Dead

Saturday 10am Mass
Sat 7pm George Kelly (First Anniv) / Seamus Doyle
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am Mary McLoughlin
Sunday 11am Margaret Corcoran (MM)
 John Weir / Wayne Gunning
Sunday 12.30pm Brenda Barthram (MM)
 Tommy Fay (First Anniv) / Pauline, Har Lynam

We pray for the recently deceased

Bobbie Munnelly, Avondale
Marie-Therese Corbett, Mornington Heights
Sr Frances O'Brien, formerly Scoil Mhuire

Welcome to the Diocesan Choir

The Diocesan Choir is very welcome to 12.30pm Mass today. The choir performs at various diocesan liturgies during the year including ordinations, pilgrimages and special events.



Reflection on Pope Benedict XVI

"Pope Benedict astonished both the Church and the world when he resigned by willingly relinquishing power and authority for the good of the Church. This action had no precedent and remains in stark contrast to so many rulers who desperately cling to power with every weapon legal and otherwise at their disposal.

Pope Benedict was asked by his friend Peter Seewald in 2016 if he missed being Pope to which he responded: *'Not at all, I am grateful to God for lifting this responsibility which I could no longer bear from my shoulders. I am now free humbly to walk with Him, to live and be visited by friends'.*

He enjoyed the friendship of his successor Pope Francis whom he admired as *'someone who is very close to the people, who stands with them, who is always among them'.* Then he confessed humbly *'perhaps I was not truly among the people enough'.*

Few have left us a more authentic example of humility as the late Pope Benedict XVI."

(Excerpt from *The Intercom*, February 2023)

**Sacrament of Confirmation
 Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

May the Holy Spirit bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.



May the Holy Spirit bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May the Holy Spirit bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And the Holy Spirit bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen

Meals on Wheels - many thanks to the Knights of Columbanus for the €1,000 donation last month and thanks to the anonymous donor o €100 last week.
Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 23 - 30 September Enquires at Kingscourt Parish Office 042 9667314.
Medjugorje Pilgrimage 30 August, reduction €50 if booked before 31 January. Ph: Teresa 087 9657299/046 9486983.

Masses - Sacraments - Office

Trim	Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am, 11am, 12.30pm
Boardsmill	Sunday 10am
Confessions	Saturday 12noon - 1pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday 1.15pm - 8pm
Baptisms	Saturdays at 3pm
Anointing of the Sick	First Saturday of Month
Office	Monday - Friday (except Tuesday) 10am - 5pm

