

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

Pastoral Area includes Dunderry, Enfield, Kilmessan and Summerhill

2 - 8 August 2026

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Fr Paul Crosbie PP Fr John Kennedy CC

Trim Masses 7pm, 9am, 11am, 12.30pm Boardsmill 10am

Baptisms Saturday 3pm Blessing expectant mothers First Saturday of the month 7pm Mass

Anointing of the Sick First Saturday of the month after 10am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1.15pm - 8pm Confessions Saturday 12noon—1pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 9 August 2026

Bishop Deenihan will celebrate Mass for the pilgrims to Knock from the Diocese of Meath on Sunday 9 August at 3pm. Before that, there will be an opportunity for Confessions, Anointing of the Sick, Way of the Cross as well as some quiet, peaceful time at Our Lady's Shrine.

How do I get there?

A bus will leave **Trim Church carpark at 8.30am**. There is a subsidy on the bus fare again this year due to the generosity of the Knights of Columbanus. You can phone the Parish Office 046 9431251 to book a place on the bus.

Statue of Our Lady of Trim

Saturday 15 August after 10am Mass

We will mark the 50th anniversary of the Statue of Our Lady of Trim at the Maudlins on Saturday 15 August. A rosary procession will begin from the parish church after the 10am Mass leading to prayers at the statue. A leper hospital existed and a small parish church on this site also cared for the sick and marginalised. It is also believed that babies who died at birth may have been buried here. If you would like to be part of arrangements for this event, let us know. Call 046 94 31251 or email spcctrim@gmail.com.

Welcome to Fr Joachim. He is originally from Senegal and a student in Rome. He will be with us until the start of September.

Charity Art Sale for Meals on Wheels:

Remaining paintings by the late Teresa McCole will be on display and for sale in the Family Room in the Church on 15 - 16 August to coincide with Teresa's first anniversary. All proceeds to our parish Meals on Wheels and to the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland Churchgate collection next weekend 8/9 August.

The Returns Bin at the Meals on Wheels kitchen can be used for collecting cans and bottles and the refund goes to Meals on Wheels. Thanks for your support.

Parish Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 11 August at 7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting will examine the draft annual financial statement prepared by the accountant and it will be published by the end of the month.

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, will take place on 8 - 12 September. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4 night or 5 night stay. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstours.ie.

Saturday 7pm Terry, Liam & Micheál Ginnerty
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am Mass
Sunday 11am Mairín O'Connell (MM)
 Louis McLoughlin / Tilly Perry /Peggy, Paddy Dowd
Sun 12.30 James Conroy & parents Vincent & Kitty
Monday 10am Mass
Tuesday 10am Mass
Wednesday 10am Pat, Teresa, Luke & Ann Fagan
Thursday 10am Paddy Boggan
Friday 10am List of the Dead
Saturday 10am Angela Melia

Saturday 7pm James, Barbara Hyland & daughters
 Angela, Bernadette / Claire, Frank & Jennifer Wynne
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am John, Kathleen O'Brien
 James, Ellen Guy & son Vincent
Sunday 11am Elizabeth (Betty) McEvoy
 Dec'd of Masterson Family / Gerard Hammond /
 Patrick, Teresa McKeown / Marie, Tom Lyng
Sunday 12.30 James Brogan (MM)
 Noel, Thomas Farrell

We pray for recently deceased

Paddy Brady, Newhaggard
Adrienne Farrell Lord, Hamilton Place
Robert (Robbie) Turner, Swift Court

Excerpts from the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV "Magnifica Humanitas"



In order to answer how to navigate the era of Artificial Intelligence, I would like to bring to mind two scenes from the Bible: the construction of the Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. The story of Babel appears in the Book of Genesis, at the origins of humanity. After settling in a plain in the land of Shinar, the people decided to build a city and a tower "with its top in the heavens". Fearing being scattered across the earth, they sought to guarantee stability and power for themselves, and above all to "make a name" for themselves. It was an impressive feat: a single language, a single technology, a single direction. However, the project concealed a profound danger. It was a project conceived without reference to God, supported by a uniformity that eliminated diversity and that chose homogenization over communion. When a city is built on pride and the claim to self-sufficiency, communication breaks down, languages are confused and people no longer understand each other. The result is not unity, but dispersion. Babel thus reveals the limits of any effort that, however grandiose, arises from self-affirmation, sacrifices human dignity for efficiency and aspires to reach heaven without God's blessing.

The Book of Nehemiah opens at a time of great vulnerability in the history of ancient Israel. After the Babylonian exile, a portion of the people returned to Jerusalem, but the city was still in ruins, the walls collapsed and the gates burned. Before taking action, Nehemiah fasted, prayed and interceded for the people. He then asked the king for permission to return to Jerusalem and, upon arriving, examined the destroyed areas in silence. He did not impose solutions from above. He convened the families, assigned each of them a section of the wall to rebuild, listened to their concerns, coordinated their efforts and addressed any opposition. The narrative shows how the city is reborn, not through the initiative of one man, but through the shared responsibility of all: men, women, priests, artisans, heads of households and young people all play a part. It is an undertaking with God at the centre, which rebuilds relationships before rebuilding with stones. Thus, ancient Jerusalem rediscovers a common language — not one of uniformity, but one of communion, namely the harmony that arises when all persons assume their own role and recognize that their strength comes from the Lord.

Copies of Pope Leo XIV's new encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* on artificial intelligence are now available in the parish office.