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Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 Nov – 5 Dec 2026

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TRIM MASSES
Saturday 7pm
Sun 9am · 11am · 12.30pm

BOARDSMILL MASS
Sunday 10am

BAPTISMS
Saturday 3pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 12noon – 1pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Sunday 1.15pm – 8pm

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Anointing of the Sick 10am
Blessing expectant mothers 7pm

CELEBRATING ADVENT IN OUR PARISH

Prayer For Blessing of The Advent Wreath

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the saviour of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's
promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration for Advent: Fridays 2pm - 6pm

We are dedicating the four Fridays of Advent to Eucharistic Adoration in the parish.

It will take place each Friday of Advent **(beginning 4 December)** from 2pm until 6pm.

We are asking parishioners to pray during Adoration for these two intentions:

- **peace in the world**
- **vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Confessions for Advent: Thursday 17 December 7pm

Going to confessions during Advent in the run up to Christmas is important.

We will have an Advent penitential service on Thursday 17 December at 7pm. We also have confessions every Saturday at 12 noon to 1pm.

PARISH NEWS & SACRAMENTS

Advent for Confirmation parents and children beginning on Monday 7pm

Fr Paul will host 2 sessions (30 minutes each) on Zoom for Confirmation parents and children on how to better get ready for Christmas and Confirmation. The first session begins tomorrow (Monday) at 7pm and the second session on Monday 7 December at 7pm. If interested, email **frpaul@trimparish.com.**

Blessing of cribs: Sunday 14 December 11am

You are invited to bring the 'baby Jesus' figure from your cribs to Mass on the third Sunday of Advent (14 December) at 11am. We will have the traditional Bambinelli prayer and blessing of the crib figures on that day. It is a reminder to families during the Advent season to prepare a crib at home.

Parish Christmas cards now available

We will have our new cards for Christmas available in the parish office shortly. These cards feature a beautiful image of the crib from our parish church. We know that many people, especially family and friends abroad, love to receive them.

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks for recent donation from Trim Floral Art Club €1,300 and Marcie's Golf Society €1,030.

Meals on Wheels for Christmas Day

We want to make sure that no one is left without a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. Trim Castle Hotel has generously offered to provide us with meals for anyone who wants to avail of them for Christmas Day. So if you know someone who will be alone on Christmas Day for whatever reason and would like this service, please call Rosemary in the parish office **(046 94 31251)** and we will make arrangements for delivery too.

Mass Intentions

29 November – 6 December 2026

Sat 7pm	Jody Farrell / John Gantley / Andrew, Marie Quinn / Rena Geraghty / Dec'd of O'Hagan, McKeon & Finnegan Families	**Fri 10am**	List of the Dead
Sun 9am	Mass for people's intentions	**Sat 10am**	Phil, Kathleen Mulhaire
Sun 10am	Aoife & Ailbhe Bird (First Anniv)	**Sat 7pm**	Christum, Nora Leonard & Dec'd of McDowell Family / Michael Rattigan / Claire Campbell
Sun 11am	Fergus Connor (MM) / Bridget (Babs) Allen (MM) / Dolores, Phonsie Farnan / Mary, Patrick Whelan / Sean Belton / Elizabeth Courtney / Mary Jenkins	**Sun 9am**	George, Maureen McCaffrey & Mary Caffrey
Sun 12.30pm	Peter, Joan Darby. Peter, Sheila Darby	**Sun 10am**	Mollie Nolan & daughter Agnes / Jim, Margaret Quinn
Mon 10am	Dec'd of McGann Family	**Sun 11am**	Colin Fagan (MM) / Patrick Melia / Sean McCambridge / Catherine, William Patchell & son Billy / Tom, Patsy Brogan & Dec'd Family / Johnny McEvoy, Michael, Marguerite Keogh
Tue 10am	Michael, Annie Greaney	**Sun 12.30pm**	Deirdre, Ann & Larry McEntee / Noel Payne & Dec'd Family
Wed 10am Thu 10am	Mary, Paddy O'Shea & Rose Boylan Bridget Dolan		

WE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Tom Reilly, Navan • Michael Newman, Dunderry and Olive Gorry, Rathmolyon

HYMNS

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PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Welcoming two new adults into the Catholic Church

Today two adults, Hana and Bharati, begin their formal preparations to become new members of the Church. They will undertake a period of faith learning and reflection, culminating in they receiving Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil next year. Please keep Hana and Bharati in your prayers.

Gaelscoil na Bóinne 30th Anniversary Mass – Wednesday 16 December

Gaelscoil na Bóinne is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. A Mass of thanksgiving in the parish church on Wednesday 16 December at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome. *Bheadh céad míle fáilte romhaibh go léir! Táimid an-bhuíoch as ucht an tacaíocht ar fad a thugann Muintir an Bhaile dúinn i gcónaí.*

New altar servers

We want to welcome and encourage children to become altar servers. If your children regularly come to Mass,why not ask them if they would like to help us serving Mass? Please feel free to speak with Fr Paul or Fr John directly.

Charity sale for Kenyan missions

on Thursday and Friday in St. Patrick's Hall Trim 9am-4.30pm. Info. Teresa (087 9657299)

Friends of St Joseph's AGM

in Parish Centre on Wednesday at 8pm.

FAITH & WORLD CHURCH

What is the Church doing in Bethlehem today?

Sr Františka Lukačková runs the Holy Family Crèche in Bethlehem. It is the only institution of its kind in Palestine for abandoned children up to 6 years of age. She and her companions have 50 children in their care. She explains that being a single mother in the local culture is sometimes stigmatised and so children are left at her creche facility.

"*It is a beautiful service to be close to the poorest and abandoned children*" she says "although it is challenging in the face of difficulties in Palestine today where 80% of people have lost their jobs".

The example of Sr Františka is a testimony that even in the midst of war and poverty every child can have a chance to find a safe home and a person who will accept them with love.

Young adults (18–30) faith group: Monday 14 December 7.30pm

The next gathering will focus our attention during Advent on preparing for Christmas.

How can young adults give witness in their lives in college or among their friends to the real meaning of Christmas?

It will take place on **Monday 14 December at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.