

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

2 - 8 March 2025

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Looking ahead to Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday Mass Times



7.45am

10.00am

7.00pm

Distribution of Ashes

Parish Church
3pm – 3.30pm
(after school)



Remember man that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return

Ashes signify our overthrow by time, our own swift passage. When at the beginning of Lent the priest takes the burnt residue of the green branches of the last Palm Sunday and inscribes with it on my forehead the sign of the cross, it is to remind me of my death.

Memento homo quia pulvis est et in pulverem reverteris

Everything turns to ashes, all things, whatever. This house I live in, the clothes I am wearing, my household stuff, my money, my fields, meadows, woods, the dog that follows me, the clock in the hall, this hand I am writing with, these eyes that read what I write, all the rest of my body, people I have loved, people I have hated, or been afraid of, whatever was great in my eyes upon earth, whatever small and contemptible, all without exception will fall back into dust. (Fr Romani Guardini)

There will be an extra weekday Mass Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during Lent at 7.45am

Other spiritual exercises to note for Lent

A guest speaker will celebrate the Sunday Mass at 11am Mass during Lent

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| 9 March | Bishop Tom Deenihan Bishop of Meath |
| 16 March | Fr Brendan Ludlow (UCD chaplain) |
| 23 March | Fr Gerry Stuart (Ratoath Parish) |
| 30 March | Archbishop Mariano Montemayor Apostolic Nuncio |
| 6 April | Fr Mark English (Diocesan Youth) |

Make holy the Fridays of Lent - Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 2pm until 6pm



Trócaire boxes is available in the churches. Please bring one home with you. Trócaire is the official channel through which Irish Catholics can express their commitment on an ongoing basis to the needs of the developing world.

Trócaire gives whatever help lies within its resources to the areas of greatest need among the developing countries. At home, it will try to make us all more aware of the needs of these countries and of our duties towards them.

Children are encouraged to take on the 7 Mass Challenge - to attend the six Sunday Masses and one other during the season of Lent.



When you complete the 7 Mass challenge, please let us know; then join us on **Easter Sunday at 11am Mass for a certificate presentation**

Saturday 7pm SHARED MASS John Conneely (MM)
 Breda Buckley (First Anniv) / Tom Quinn
 Sinead Barry / Harry, Peggy Sivyer
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am Liam Connolly (MM) / Thomas Farrelly
Sunday 11am SHARED MASS Marie Hourihane
 Sr Marcella Roe (First Anniv) / Malachy Venney
Sunday 12.30pm Yvonne Winters
Monday 10am Christopher Dowdall & Dec'd Family
Tuesday 10am Anna McKeown
ASH WEDNESDAY 7.45am, 10am, 7pm

Thursday 10am Patrick, Joseph & May Smith
Friday 10am List of the Dead
Saturday 10am Marge, Noel McKeon
Sat 7pm SHARED MASS Stephen Leonard
 Daniel, Josephine Bagnall
Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions
Sunday 10am Dan, Mag Mooney, sister Patricia &
 parents Joseph, Mary Mooney
Sunday 11am Mary Bermingham
Sunday 12.30pm Michael Murray

We pray for the recently deceased
 Therese Talbot (nee Leonard), Lucan

New Altar Servers

We are looking to recruit new altar servers and to have them in place for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. If your child would like to serve Mass in Trim or Boardsmill, let us know (046 94 31251).



New Ministers of the Word

We have 15 new volunteers as Ministers of the Word and 3 new Junior Readers. We will organise an information session for them and for existing Ministers during Lent. However, two people volunteered – Alan and Marie – but we do not have contact details for them. If that is you, please let us know (046 94 31251)

Temperance Sunday (2 March)

Fr Mathew (1790-1856) was a Capuchin friar from Tipperary whose 19th century crusade against the abuse of alcohol gained him the title of "Apostle of Temperance". Fr Mathew's call to sobriety has relevance to modern Ireland. The cost to the nation by way of, human suffering, abstention from work, criminality and social upheaval is inestimable.

PRAYER

Jesus Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Fr Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behaviour, and to promote temperance.

May we today continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and to foster balance and moderation in our lifestyles with God's help.

So we pray "here goes in the name of God" Amen.

Trim 7pm, 9am, 11am, 12.30pm

Boardsmill 10am **Baptisms** Saturday 3pm

Confessions Saturday 12noon—1pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2pm - 6pm Sunday 1.15pm - 8pm

Anointing of the Sick First Saturday after 10am Mass

Blessing expectant mothers First Saturday after 7pm Mass

Prayer for Victims of Abuse (7 March)

God of endless love, ever caring,
 ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son
 to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
 join to your own suffering
 the pain of all who have been hurt
 in body, mind and spirit
 by those who betrayed
 the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
 who have been gravely harmed,
 and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
 steady their shaken spirits with faith.

Grant them justice for their cause,
 enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
 heal your people's wounds
 and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,
 humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labours.
 Grant that all harmed by abuse
 may find peace in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.