Parish of Trim and Boardsmill 26 November - 2 December 2023

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Welcome to the children preparing for First Holy Communion

Here is a summary of today's readings for children:

First Reading: The Lord tells us that he is the Good Shepherd and he cares with love for all the sheep in his flock.

Second Reading: Jesus is the King of Heaven because he has risen from the dead.

Gospel: Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry and give clothes to the poor then we are in fact feeding and giving clothes to Jesus.

Message from the Diocesan Office

Last week, priests from the 69 parishes of our Diocese assembled in Cavan to begin a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath. During this assembly, new models of parish life, possible



collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were considered in the context of the mission of the Church and the desire to sustain vibrant faith communities.

The establishment and supporting of Parish Pastoral Assemblies was deemed a necessary structure in every parish. It was also agreed that there would have to be consultation and engagement with local Pastoral Assemblies before any developments occur.

While there are no simple solutions to these issues, parishes are encouraged to commend this work to their prayers as the Diocese, the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly and the various Parish Pastoral Assemblies consider the next steps in the process.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday: Annual Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbanus **Wednesday:** Mass of Remembrance for St Joseph's Community Care Centre **Saturday:** Anointing of the Sick after 10am Mass

Looking Further Ahead

Next Sunday: Children preparing for Confirmation will join us at Mass and focus on their Confirmation saint

17 December: Bambinelli Sunday and the blessing of the Baby Jesus crib figures at 7pm and 11am Masses

21 January: Word of God Sunday and the blessing of Sunday Missals at 11am Mass for all readers in the parish 7 July: Cemetery Sunday at 3pm

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

God of Comfort, send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. Let arms reach out in healing not aggression.

God of Justice, give strength to those whose long work for peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek an end to violence.

God of Love, we lift up to you the suffering people in Palestine and Israel. We implore that your love and compassion will dwell once more upon your holy mountain.

God of Mercy, we ask you even now to work on the hearts of people of violence to choose life over death, reconciliation over revenge.

Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Nations, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may offer ourselves and our prayers tirelessly for the cause of peace. Amen.

Each Mass has only 1 intention (except for 2 shared Masses weekly)

Saturday 7pm SHARED MASS Zak McGowan Richard, Kathleen Cosgrove & Dec'd Family Rena Geraghty, Jim & Marie Roche / Sean Gantley Dec'd of Trim & Athboy District Anglers Thomas, Josephine Murray

Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions

Sunday 10am James, Elizabeth Brady & son Dessie

Sunday 11am SHARED MASS

Anne Lynch (MM) / Michael Mitchell (MM) Michael Fitzgibbon (MM)/ John Dwyer (First Ann) Peter, Joan Darby (First Ann)

Dec'd Members of Legion of Mary / Mary Murphy Thomas, Moll Regan / Margaret, Larry Farnan

Patrick Mary Whelan / Mary Elizabeth Jenkins

Sun 12.30pm Des, Gus Hatton & son Karl

Monday 10am Michael, Margaret McCormack

Tuesday 10am Reg Ball

Wednesday 10am Maura Duffy

Thurs 10am Michael McDermott, parents Doris & Michael

Friday 10am List of the Dead

Saturday 10am Catherine (Collie) & Michael Willows Saturday 7pm SHARED MASS

Ian Dixon / Claire Campbell / Phyllis Hayes

Máire, Sean Kavanagh / Patrick, Helen, Martin Stokes Noel Payne & Dec'd Family

Sunday 9am Emily Lavin & Dec'd of Lavin & Naughton

Sunday 10am Philip, Mary McLoughlin

Sunday 11am SHARED MASS

Ellen Ryan (MM) / Sean Belton (First Anniv) Sean McCambridge (First Anniv) / Dolores, Phonsie Farnan / Christy, Kathleen Dunne / Tom, Patsy Brogan / Deirdre, Ann, Larry McEntee / Christum, Norah Leonard & Dec'd of McDowell Family

Sun 12.30pm Declan Moroney (MM)

We pray for the recently deceased James Conlon, Navan Jim Lynch, Birmingham Maureen Douglas, London



Parish Finance Committee

At last week's meeting, we reviewed the recent remedial works on gutters at the church roof as well as the rent of parish land. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24 January at 7.30pm.

Bishop Barron booklets on the Eucharist

We have 4 copies left in the sacristy and office. The booklets give a great reflection on the Mass.

Christmas greetings cards from Trim

These cards are now available from the parish office. They are proving to be very popular every year and we are delighted to remember all who receive them in our prayers at all Masses on Christmas Day. If you want to send these cards abroad, you will probably need to get them in the coming days. Each card costs €3.

Remembrance Mass last Sunday

A very big thanks to everyone who helped us to mark last Sunday's Remembrance Mass. The participation of people who have been bereaved was much appreciated.

Advent and Christmas

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be publishing the schedule of Christmas Masses next weekend and looking for volunteers to help, especially musicians and singers.



We remember those on the Parish List of the Dead at all Masses during November

Trim Masses Vigil 7pm, 9am, 11am, 12.30pm **Boardsmill** Sunday 10am **Baptisms** Saturday 3pm **Confessions** Saturday 12noon - 1pm Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1.15pm - 8pm Anointing First Saturday after 10am Mass Office Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm (closed on Tuesdays)

Gaelscoil na Bóinne will hold its annual Lá Oscailte / Open Day Friday 8 December 10.45—12.15pm for prospective parents/guardians. Beidh fáilte roimh chách.

Trim Family Resource Centre Churchgate Collection 16/17th December. Visit Santa at the Bungalow 19/20th December €5 per child. Register ph: 9438850.