Parish of Trim and Boardsmill 7 - 13 April 2024

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Opening Prayer of the Chaplet

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us. I trust in You.

Begin by saying one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Prayed on large bead prior to each decade



Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Prayed on 10 small beads of each decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Prayed after all 5 decades of Chaplet

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times)

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place today at 3.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Castlejordan in the parish of Ballinabrackey.

Trocaire

Deirdre Davis and Joe Murphy from Trócaire will speak at all Masses this weekend. Now that Lent is over, Trócaire reminds us to return the Lenten box. You can bring it anytime to the Church, Parish Office or



Parochial House. Trócaire envelopes are also available at the back of the Church.

New Holy Oils

The oils for the anointing of the sick, as well as for baptisms, confirmations and ordinations were blessed and consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. We have started using these oils in our parish.

Supporting the Church in the Holy Land

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection on Holy Thursday to support the Christians in Palestine and Israel. This raised € 2,645 which was sent to the diocesan office during the week.

Bibles are available in the office for anyone who would like to purchase (€15). This is a good way to enter into the spirit of



Easter and in particular to follow the Acts of the Apostles, from which is taken the daily readings for the next 50 days.

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

Saturday 7pm SHARED MASS

Johnny Glennon & daughter in law Anna Gerry Weldon / Maureen, Peter Butterly Peter, Rita & Paul Campbell / Catherine, Bill Murray Julia, Michael Neville & Tony Walace Sunday 9am Mass for people's intentions 10am Mary & PJ Carney / John & Lil Ennis Sunday 11am SHARED MASS Christina Mooney (MM) / Michael Connor (MM) Olive Fahy / Dec'd of Stenson Family / Paddy Dowd Eileen, John McGuinness & daughter Joy & son Con Sunday 12.30pm Breda Conlon & Jeannie Malone Monday 10am William, Elizabeth Crinion, sons Ray & Dick, daughter in law Marie Tuesday 10am Martin O'Donnell Wednesday 10am Gerry, Bridie Egan & Dec'd Family Thursday Christy, John Rafferty & Mary Flynn

Church statistics reveal more Catholics, fewer vocations

The number of baptised Catholics has increased globally, rising from 1.376 billion in 2021 to 1.390 billion in 2022, an increase of 1.0%. The rate of change varied from continent to continent. Africa recorded an increase of 3%, with the number of Catholics rising from 265 to 273 million in the same period. Europe shows a situation of stability.

The year 2022 marked a further decrease in the number of priests compared to the previous year, continuing the downward trend that has characterized the years since 2012. The global number of priests in the world in 2022 decreased by 142 priests, going from 407,872 to 407,730.

The decline that has characterized the trend of priestly vocations since 2012 continued over the period. In 2022, candidates preparing for the priesthood numbered 108,481, with a variation of -1.3% compared to the situation a year earlier. Europe's vocational crisis since 2008 continued unabated. In 2021-2022, the number of seminarians decreased by 6%.

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) Friday Dec'd of Jordan & Downey Families Saturday 10am Bert Wallace Saturday 7pm SHARED MASS Thomas Winters / Jim Lynch / Joe Fleming Hugh, Kathleen McGonagle & son EM (Eugene) Billy Giles / Eugene Kiely / Ettie Gormley Mary Keegan Sunday 9am Fr Noel Doyle 10am Michael, Madeline Boyne / Peter Dixon Sunday 11am SHARED MASS James Black (MM) / Margaret (Peggy) Clancy John, Carmel Kelly / Rosemarie Kearns Bridie, Luke Fay / Michael Gleeson Sunday 12.30pm Tony Perry (First Anniv)

We pray for recently deceased **Tommy Doran, St Joseph's**

ParishFinanceCommitteemeetinginthenewparochialhouse onWednesday at 7.30pm.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock next Sunday. Bus from Trim Church carpark at 8am. Phone Pat 087 258 7639 or Rita 085 728 4600.

Meet & Prayer Gathering for young people (+18 years) will take place in Ashbourne Church this Friday evening at 7:30pm This is an opportunity for young adults to join together for adoration, prayer, reflection and discussion assisted with the support and guidance of priests from the diocese and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Share the invite and bring a friend or two. Contact Fr. Mark English for more info: duleekparish@gmail.com.

Trim Floral Art Club Teaching demo on Monday at 7.30pm in Trim Castle Hotel.

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