

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

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Feast of St Columban

Monday marks the feast day of one of Ireland's first and greatest missionaries. Born in 543AD, Columban desired to 'go on pilgrimage with Christ'. It was an incredible missionary undertaking that brought him and his twelve companions throughout Europe in treacherous conditions, setting up monasteries and teaching the faith during what has been known as the 'dark ages' following the collapse of the Roman Empire. His greatest monastery was at Bobbio in the north of Italy, where he died in 615AD.

Local connections with St Columban

- The parish church in Ballivor is dedicated to him (this image is from that church)
- He is the patron of the Columban Missionaries, based at Dalgan Park.



The words of this powerful hymn are attributed to St Columban

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way:
what need I fear when thou art near,
O King of night and day?
more safe am I within thy hand
than if a host should round me stand.

My life I yield to thy decree,
and bow to thy control
in peaceful calm, for from thine arm
no power can wrest my soul:
could earthly omens e'er appal
a man that heeds the heavenly call?

The child of God can fear no ill,
his chosen, dread no foe;
we leave our fate with thee, and wait
thy bidding when to go:
'tis not from chance our comfort springs,
thou art our trust, O King of kings.

Getting ready for Confirmation in 2021



Confirmation Enrolment Mass will take place in the parish church next Sunday at 11am; the children will take part in the Mass by pre-recorded readings, prayers and music.

Prior to the Enrolment Mass, the children will take part in a **Ceremony of Light**, indicating that the gift of faith, which began at Baptism, brings us closer to Jesus, who is the light of the world; details of the ceremony of light will be circulated through the schools.

Revision of the Opening Prayer in the celebration of Mass



The opening prayer of the Mass is known as the 'Collect' prayer.

From the First Sunday of Advent (next weekend), the word "one" should be omitted from the end of the Collect prayer. Instead of "one God, for ever and ever" the prayers will now conclude with the formula "God, for ever and ever."

The word "one" has appeared in the English version of the Roman Missal in both the earlier and the current translations. However, it is not in the Latin original. There is a possibility that this could cause some confusion regarding the identity of the Son within the Blessed Trinity. It could also be misinterpreted to mean that Jesus Christ is just "one God" among others.

(Irish Episcopal Conference)

Feast of Christ the King
***"In the evening of life,
we shall be judged by love"***
St John of the Cross

Remembering Fr Michael Woods PP

Next Thursday, 26 November, marks the centenary of the death of Fr Michael Woods, Parish Priest of Trim, 1899-1920, who oversaw the completion and opening of the new St Patrick's Parish Church. He was mainly responsible for the decorative features of the church including the themes and designs of the church's principal stained glass windows, those in the sanctuary, the Our Lady of Trim and the St Patrick at Tara windows and the Our Lady of Good Counsel window behind the organ, negotiating with the stained glass companies, Mayer of Munich and Hardman of Birmingham. In one letter he asked Hardman for an "estimate for the very best and richest glass you can make" and in another stated "I want the very best article that can be produced at the lowest price at which I can get it".

Michael Woods was born in Clonmellon, Co. Westmeath and studied in the diocesan seminary, which was then in Navan, and in Maynooth where he was ordained priest in 1873. He then returned to a professorship in the seminary in Navan, and subsequently ministered in Multyfarnham, Slane, Navan (where later on he was Administrator), Rahan, and came to Trim in 1899 in succession to Fr Philip Callary who was moved to Tullamore. Fr Woods had been ill for a number of years before his death in 1920 at the age of 71.

According to his obituary in the local newspaper he was prominent in nationalist agitation: "In the days of the Land League and in the politics of the time Father Woods was a pillar of strength. Against the coercion of the day he fought the fight of the people and pointed to them the way that victory lay, and many now in the County Meath owe their present prosperity to the battles he waged".

Fr Michael Woods is buried in the grounds of St Patrick's Church, Trim and the baptistry in that church commemorates him as do a number of fonts in Boardsmill church.

Requiescat in pace.

Eucharistic Adoration in Boardsmill Sunday 10am-12 noon

Our parish prayer before the Blessed Sacrament begins on Sunday in Boardsmill at 10am until 12 noon and then continues from 12 noon until 8pm in Trim.

Mass intentions this week

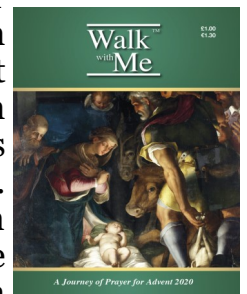
Sun 9am Ann Bagnall
Wally Murray & Dec'd Murray Family
Sun 11am John Neary (First Anniv)
Chris Ryan; Mary Murphy
Mon Eileen Kennedy
Harry & Julia Byrne
Tues Peter, Elizabeth Finn, son Peter
daughter Elizabeth, niece Kerry
Wed H K Ryan
James, Elizabeth & Dessie Brady
Thursday Tony Woods (First Anniv)
Joseph, Kathleen & brother Peadar Woods /
Fr Michael Woods PP, died 1920
Friday Edel Quinn & Alfie Lambe
Tom & Kathleen O'Reilly
Saturday John Gantley
Dick, Bridie & Nellie Hetherington
Marie McArdle, Philip Jane & Michael
Mary & Patrick Whelan
Sun 9am Thomas & Moll Regan
Richard & Kathleen Cosgrave
Sun 11am Dolores(Dot)& Fonsie Farnan
Mary Duffy / Mary Jenkins

We pray for the recently deceased
Martin McNamara, St Patrick's Park

"Walk With Me"

Prayer booklets for Advent

Copies of this prayer booklet are available in the parochial house. It has a short reflection on the Mass readings for each day of Advent. The booklet is an excellent spiritual guide for Advent and a rich preparation for Christmas.



Christmas Mass cards from St Patrick's Church, Trim

A beautiful Christmas card, featuring the interior of the parish church, can now be purchased from the parochial house. The Masses in the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for the intentions of the people who receive these cards. It's a really wonderful gift, especially for people from Trim who cannot make it home for Christmas this year.

Sunday Mass 9am & 11am **Weekday Mass** 10am **Rosary** at 12 noon
Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 10am - 12 noon (Boardsmill)
Sunday 12 noon - 8pm and Friday 2pm - 5pm (Trim)