

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

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Parish Office

The office will be closed this week. However, the priest on call is available at all times during the week and weekend.



Meals on Wheels and Level 5

We want the Meals on Wheels service to reach out to as many people as possible. That's why this service was established in the first place. If you would like to receive this service or if you have any queries, call us at 94 31251. Everyone's privacy is respected. Don't be alone. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

A seasonal thought for others

We know that, for some in our parish, this time of the year can be difficult. There is a lot of help available for people who are struggling with loneliness and depression. Let us know if there's something we can do to help. We keep you in our prayers.

Baptism of the Lord

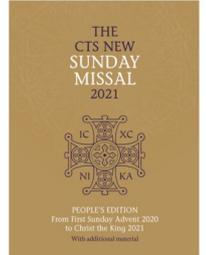
This mosaic in the original baptistery of the parish church reminds us that baptism marks our entry into the community of faith. Every time we enter the church, we can remind ourselves that we do so as baptised members of the church, hearing again the words of the Father spoken to Jesus at the River Jordan: *"you are my beloved; my favour rests on you"*. These words are addressed to us each time we enter the church to pray.



Sunday Missal for €3

During this difficult time, when parishioners are unable to get to Mass, the Catholic Truth Society (CTS) has produced a Sunday Missal for the current liturgical year at a

reduced cost of €3. If you would like us to order a Sunday Missal for you, please let us know. The Missal is beautifully produced and includes all readings and prayers for Sunday Masses and Feast Days.



RTE accepts broadcast caused "undue offence"



RTÉ's New Year's Eve sketch did not comply with the broadcaster's own standards and regulations, RTÉ said last week. This comes after nearly 5,000 complaints were logged to the broadcaster regarding the sketch.

It did not show "due respect" for religious beliefs, according to provision of the Broadcasting Code and the sketch was not in compliance with RTÉ journalism and content guidelines on sensitivity to people's religious beliefs.

The Director General of RTÉ said: "We accept the findings of the Editorial Standards Board that this sketch was not compliant with our own guidelines or with our obligations under the relevant codes. On behalf of RTÉ, I fully apologise for that. We will now review the processes involved and engage constructively with the BAI."

Pope at Mass on Epiphany

In his homily for the Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Francis says, "We need to learn even better how to contemplate the Lord," learning from the example of the Magi. "Like them," the Pope said, "we want to fall down and worship the Lord."



Taking his cue from the liturgical readings for the day, Pope Francis focused on three phrases "that can help us to understand more fully what it means to be worshippers of the Lord: 'to lift up our eyes,' 'to set out on a journey,' and 'to see.'"

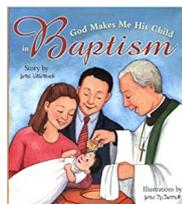
The first expression is taken from the prophet Isaiah, who encouraged the people of Israel, after they had returned from exile, to "lift up" their eyes and look around, despite their problems. This prophetic call to "look around" does not mean ignoring difficulties and troubles, much less denying reality. Rather, "it is a matter of viewing problems and anxieties in a new way, knowing that God is aware of our troubles, attentive to our prayers, and not indifferent to the tears we shed. When we lift our eyes to God, our problems do not go away, but we feel certain that the Lord grants us the strength to deal with them."

Schools closed but learning faith can continue at home

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is an opportunity for children to learn at home about their own baptism:

When was I baptised?
Where was I baptised?
Who are my godparents?
Which priest baptised me?
Where is my baptism candle?
More importantly, why was I baptised?

This week, discuss these questions with your children and share with them what your children's baptism means to you.



Mass intentions this week

Sunday 9am Tony Lynch
Joseph Reilly (first anniv)
Sunday 11am John Smith (MM)
Paddy Howard (first anniv)
Michael F. Coogan (first anniv)
Mon Phyllis Doyle, nee O'Dare (first anniv)
Tues Jim, Ray McDonnell
Decd of Leonard & Doyle families
Wed Mass for people's intentions
Friday Jim Looney (first anniv)
Kathleen, Lawrence McCann, son Michael
Sat 10am John, Annie Jackman
Tom, Mary Rochford / Tommy Weldon
Sunday 9am Michael Cosgrove
Patrick, Maureen & Jip Connor
Sunday 11am Aileen O'Donnell
Pauline Tully (first anniv)

We pray for the recently deceased

Jackie McCormack, New Haggard Rd,
Adam Bugala, St Mary's NS & Kildalkey
Joseph (Joe) Marron, Freffans & Rathgar
Mary Canny, sister-in-law of Michael Canny
Thomas (Tommy) O'Grady, Dundrum
Peter Phelan (UK) brother of Sr Immaculata
Paddy Fanning, Dundalk

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You,
Amen.

Seeking Divine Mercy in the time of pandemic

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.

