

Parish of Trim and Boardsmill

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A plan for “living with Lent” - Begin Again

We are proposing a programme called “Begin Again”. We invite everybody to start something new for Lent and if you miss a day or a few days, just Begin Again.

Sunday: Tune into Sunday Mass on *trimparish.com* or radio at 9am or 11am (Jesus said “Do this in memory of me”)

Monday: Reach out to someone via text or phone call who may need your support (Jesus said “What you do to your brothers and sisters, you do onto me”)

Tuesday: Cook something nice for yourself or family and enjoy (Jesus shared wonderful moments with friends and made new disciples at the table)

Wednesday: Contribute some monies to Trócaire to help the poor and needy (Jesus said “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat”)

Thursday: Pray privately and count three things for which you are thankful to God (Jesus said “Ask and you shall receive”)

Friday: Abstain from meat and join us for Stations of the Cross at 3pm via webcam (Jesus called out with a loud voice “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit”)

Saturday: Do some physical exercise on your own or with family (St Paul wrote “your bodies are temples of God’s Holy Spirit”)

Each Day: Offer an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for family, sick and departed



Worshipping God is “essential service”

**COVID-19
LEVEL 5**

Taoiseach Micheál Martin said he will consider concerns raised by the four Archbishops at a meeting about the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on public worship. The Archbishops emphasised their wish to continue supporting the public health message and to encourage all necessary measures, including vaccination of the most vulnerable.

However, they expressed concern that life is particularly stressful and difficult for people to endure, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. They asked that public worship resume when an easing of restrictions is considered and they expressed a strong desire that people might gather safely for the important ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter.

The Archbishops also requested consideration of an increase in the number of the bereaved who may attend funeral Masses. The Taoiseach acknowledged the importance of the Church in people's lives at this time of stress and worry.

Meanwhile the Bishop of Raphoe wrote this week that “God and our worship of Him are central to us; they are utterly essential”.

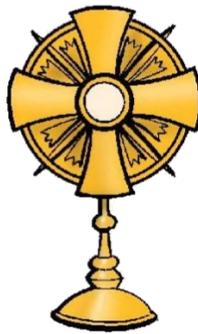
What we can do for Lent in our parish

Eucharistic Adoration in Trim on **Sundays** of Lent from 12 noon until 8pm

Eucharistic Adoration in Boardsmill on **Wednesdays** of Lent from 6pm until 8pm

Stations of the Cross on **Fridays** at 3pm (broadcast online and on radio)

Rosary recited at 12 noon on **weekdays**



Lent means loving our neighbour: here's how we can help

It's not easy to ask for help - but help is always available, lots of help. Each day, the priests are in contact with people who are finding life difficult: bereavement, illness, addiction, anxiety, difficulties praying, loneliness. We don't have all the answers (by any means) but we can help to guide you in the right direction. Please do not hesitate to call on us anytime, day or night (046 94 312 51).

Meals on Wheels service is available for anyone who would like to receive it. If you are living alone or finding it a little difficult to manage at the moment, we want you to contact us and we will deliver dinner to you as often as you need.

Trocaire boxes are an essential part of our Lenten exercise to love our neighbour. Please bring a Trocaire box home with you.



Prayer during Lent (ancient wisdom from St John Chrysostom)

“To set about praying, paint the house of your soul with modesty and lowliness. Adorn it with the gold of good works and, for walls and stones, embellish it with faith and generosity.

Above all, place prayer on top of this house as its roof so that the complete building is ready for God.

Thus he will be received in a splendid home and his image will be settled in your soul.”

Mass intentions this week

Sunday 9am Thomas Farrelly

Sunday 11am John Lyons
Sean (Cleo) Gunning (MM)

Monday Fr Ultan Murphy

Tuesday Mark, Anna Lalor

Wednesday Mary Keane

Eamon, Margaret Canny

Thursday Frank Kelly; Michael Corrigan

Friday Peggy Purcell

Saturday Kathleen Lowther

John, Mary Walsh

La Smith, parents Annie and Mick

Sunday 9am Ellen, James, Vincent Guy

11am Annie Thompson, Dec'd Family

We remember the recently deceased

Eileen (Ena) Cormack, Newhaggard Road

Eileen O'Donoghue, Toonagh, Fountain
Joe Brennan, Limerick

“Walk with me” prayer booklets for Lent are still available from the parochial house and sacristy.

Divine Mercy Devotions for Lent

You may wish to take part virtually in the final day of the Divine Mercy Conference which we held in Dublin. It can be viewed today (Sunday) at www.divinemercyconference.com.

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.



Parents - thank you for your efforts to teach faith to your children; home schooling is not easy but the example you give is the very best way to teach faith and hand it on to the children.

Parish Office Closed in Level 5

The parish office is closed to encourage people to stay at home. The phone is answered 24/7 for booking Masses and all queries.



Make Lent work this year, one day at a time ... and soon it'll be Easter