

We received a message from Bishop Raymond in Banmaw, a diocese in Myanmar were people are suffering greatly at the moment in the civil war. The Bishop said:

"There is serious fighting going on in and around this area. Exchanges of fire, airstrikes, drone strikes and mine attacks are common during the clashes day and night. The airstrikes have hit a number of parishes, including Nan Hlaing where 2 priests and 4 religious sisters are working with the thousands of people who are now homeless and living in fields. We are moving our diocesan offices to the places where the need is greatest and we are looking for practical help to enable us to respond to the medical and emergency needs here. Sadly we foresee that the emergency situation in Banmaw will last for some months."

The Parish of Trim and Boardsmill would like to help Bishop Raymond with this emergency response. The collections at all Masses next weekend (18 - 19) January) will be sent directly to where it is needed. Even though the situation is very volatile and unstable, we have found a secure way to get essential funds to him by the end of January. Please support this appeal in any way you can.

Confirmation on 31 January

11am (St Michael's & Boardsmill) **2pm** (St Mary's & Gaelscoil)

Confessions before Confirmation

The children will join us for Sunday



Mass before Confirmation on the following dates and they will have the opportunity for Confessions after Mass: Sunday 19 January at 11am

St Mary's & St Michael's Sunday 26 January at 11am

Boardsmill & Gaelscoil.

Church painting underway

The final stages of the painting of the parish church are underway. The plan to have the work finished before Confirmation. The work will focus on the two side aisles and porches.





Monday 27 January

We will need to have another Church cleaning on Monday 27 January. It would be great if we can call upon the volunteers who helped us before Christmas. We will arrange a more permanent rota soon.

St Vincent de Paul: A message of thanks for Christmas donors will be published next weekend.

Sat 7pm SHARED MASS

Gertie, Seamus Donohoe / Patsy, Rory O'Connor Philomena McArdle Sunday 9am Mass for People's Intentions Sun 10am Michael, Kitty, Terry (MM) & Hughie Reilly Sunday 11am Frank Egan (First Anniv) Sunday 12.30pm Tony Lynch Monday 10am Ray, Jim McDonnell Tuesday 10am Ray, Jim McDonnell Tuesday 10am Aileen O'Donnell Thursday 10am Mass Friday 10am Mass Saturday 10am Mass Saturday 7pm Thomas Weldon Sunday 9am Mass for People's Intentions Sunday 10am Mass Sunday 11am SHARED MASS Martha Gillick / Barbara Hyland Sunday 12.30pm Brian Doyle (MM)



We pray for the recently deceased

Lucy Fitzsimons, Effernock Lane Brendan Foley, Scurlogstown Peter & Loughlin Devlin, Armagh (brother of Brendan Devlin)

Sunday of the Word of God — 26 January, 11am

Blessing of new Missals

All Ministers of the Word from both Trim and Boardsmill are asked to attend this Mass. They will be given their new Missals for 2025 and a blessing for their ministry.

New Readers Needed

We need new Readers for Sunday Masses in Trim. Please let us know if you can help us. The new year is a good time for taking on new tasks and this role is a huge assistance to us.



Sunday 26 January at 4pm

The Diocese will host a celebration of Vespers in the Cathedral to mark the contribution of Religious Life. The reflection will be delivered by Sr Elizabeth Maxwell.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome 22 – 27 September For bookings and enquiries, call 044 9340587

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 27 August -3 September. Reduction if booked before 31 January. Contact Teresa on 087 9657299.

Used Christmas stamps for missions can be dropped in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

"Religion's impact on the mental wellbeing of young people" by Dr Lydia Mannion-Casey

Recent research involving students across ten post-primary schools in Ireland cited a range of benefits for their mental wellbeing arising from their religious beliefs and practice.

For example, the young people reported that engaging in personal prayer, such as the Rosary and talking with God helped them to feel calm and alleviate anxiety. Students mentioned that they get a sense of comfort from knowing that God is with them and that He is looking out for them.

Believing God has a plan for their lives helped students to cope during times of stress, such as exams and lockdowns and to overcome grief following bereavement and loss. Students also reported that being religious helps them to act more kindly and show greater compassion towards others, all of which the young people said was beneficial for their mental wellbeing.

Trim Weekend Masses 7pm, 9am, 11am, 12.30pm Boardsmill Mass 10am Baptisms Saturday 3pm Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1.15pm - 8pm Anointing of the Sick First Saturday after 10am Mass Confessions Saturday 12noon—1pm Blessing for expectant mothers First Saturday of February after 7pm Mass

If you are donating with the Tap & Donate machine in the church, can you let us know?

We can register your donation and include it in the tax rebate scheme that

allows us to claim an extra 30% on donations. Please call us at 046 94 31251 or spcctrim@gmail.com

