



CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY



SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018

Priest on Duty – Fr. John Phone: 046/9240213.



SATURDAY 17TH - ST. PATRICKS DAY

Vigil Mass on Friday evening 6.30pm

Saturday: Masses 9am, 11am and 12.15pm

(11am - parts of the Mass in Irish)

Saturday: Girley - Mass 10am

No Vigil Mass on Saturday evening



CHOOSE LIFE 2018

The Eighth Amendment: *‘The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right’*

Should abortion be a choice?:- When it comes to the right to choose, there is a tendency to forget that there is another person involved, an innocent person who has no choice and who depends entirely on others for protection. Abortion is the *direct* and *intentional* ending of the life of an unborn baby. It deceives women, and men, by creating a culture where the decision to end the life of an unborn child is portrayed as simply a matter of individual “choice”.

The Power of Language from Two Lives, One Love:- Words like ‘foetus’, ‘embryo’ and ‘zygote’ are scientific terms which are often used to dehumanise unborn children in a way which seeks to normalise abortion. These terms are misleading when they are used to suggest the unborn child is not a human being from the moment of conception.

Abortion rates in other countries:- When abortion becomes legal in a country, it slowly becomes acceptable. In England and Wales, 1 in 5 pregnancies end in abortion every year. Over 185,000 abortions were carried out in 2016 according to the Department of Health UK. France and Spain also have an abortion rate of 1 in 5. There is every reason to believe that, if legalised, Irish abortion rates would rapidly rise as they have in other countries.

Please contact your local TDs & ask them to show publicly where they stand on this issue and ask them to be willing to stand for their convictions

FAMILY PRAYER

We pray for our children wherever they may be asking Jesus, Mary and Joseph to watch over and guard them throughout their lives and that the faith we have passed on to them may sustain them through all that life will put before them. Amen

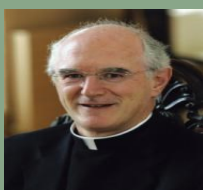
A Prayer for Children from The Family Book of Prayers



SPECIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday March 26th at 8pm in Parish Church in preparation for Easter.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 2017
IS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND**



NEW BISHOP OF OSSORY (KILKENNY)

Please pray for Fr. Dermot Farrell, Parish Priest of Dunboyne, who today, (Sunday 11th March) will be ordained Bishop of Ossory.

Recently Deceased

Ned Duignan, Drumbaragh; Phyllis Russell née Carpenter, Youghal, Co. Cork

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

Sat (Mar 10) 6.30pm -Anniv - Peter Nelson, Kilmainham
-4th Ann - Patrick Fitzsimons, St Patrick's Tce also Decd members of Fitzsimons family
-2nd Ann - Anthony Smith, Bective St
Sun (Mar 11) 11.00am -1st Ann - Jack Murphy, Headfort Place
12.15pm -1st Ann - Hugh Maguire, Gardenrath Rd
Mon (Mar 12) 7.45am -Anniv - Josie & Jimmie Butler, Kilmainham
9.30am -Anniv - Brian Geraghty, Rathstephen, Moynalty
Thur (Mar 15) 9.30am -Deceased members of the Coyne family, Allenstown
Fri (Mar 16) 6.30pm -4th Ann - Sean Flanagan, Rockfield Rd
-Anniv - Hubert Carty, Fyanstown
-1st Ann - Keith Smith, Balrathboyne
Sat (Mar 17) -ST PATRICK'S DAY
11.00am -1st Ann - Maureen Cole, Moynalty Rd
12.15pm -2nd Ann - Anna Sweeney, Headfort Place also Michael Sweeney
Sun (Mar 18) 11.00am -1st Ann - Philip Shaw, Balnagon Upr
12.15pm -MM - Seamus Mooney, John St



Mass Intentions - Girley

Sun (Mar 11) 10.00am -Anniv - Jeanne M. Jones, Newtowngirley
Sat (Mar 17) 10.00am -1st Ann - John Hyland, Chamberlainstown
Sun (Mar 18) 10.00am -Anniv - Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown

Anniversary Masses

Philip & Maryann Smith, Bective St; Pat McGrath, Charleville; John Joe Gillic, Bective Sq.

70 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT MOUNT MELLERAY ABBEY - Fr. Bonaventure OCSO, a monk of Mount Melleray, originally from Carrick St, Kells, celebrated the 70th anniversary of his priestly ordination on 10th February last. Fr. Bonaventure was joined by members of the Cistercian Community, some of the Sisters of Glencairn Abbey together with his family & friends at a reception in his honour in the historic monastery refectory. All of us in Kells send our prayerful good wishes to Fr. Bonaventure.

KELLS ALPS - Tues 13th Mar - 10.30am-12.30pm, Adult Education Centre, Bective St. Beautician will attend. All welcome.

KELLS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - will commence at 1.30pm from Supervalu. Registration forms will be available in several outlets in town or floats can register on the day. Please note change of time.

GAEIL COLMCILLE GAA - Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser - Kells Fittest Family Fun Obstacle Course today, Sunday 11th March in the GAA Centre. Registration 12.30 - 1pm. Then at 3pm a Fun GAA Match - Men (in wellies) v Ladies - registration at 2.30pm. Also Cake Sale in the Centre - Shop open for refreshments/sweets etc. Contact: Lynda McDonnell on 0833081409 or email: valerie1969@eircom.net

MERCY SUNDAY - KNOCK - celebrating the World Meeting of Families 2018, in Knock, Mercy Sunday, April 8th 2018, 36th year. Ceremonies 12.45pm - 5pm Divine Mercy Devotions - Fr. Mark Byrne SOLT. Carolan Coach Hire will be running a bus. Pick up from Kells church at 8.30am. Contact: 0469052236.

ANAM CARA - BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING - Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar on Wed March 14th from 7.30 - 9.30pm. (Registration from 7.15pm). This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death. Guest speaker: Kate Dorman. Kate is a social worker who has over 20 years experience in palliative care services in Belfast. She has been involved with bereavement groups for adults, residential weekends for bereaved families and also provided individual bereavement support. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for this event so please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tues 13th March or ring 014045378.

NAVAN FLORAL ART CLUB - Gardening Talk with guest speaker Marie Staunton in the Tara Suite, Ardboyne Hotel on Wednesday 14th March at 8pm. All welcome.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

The third annual collection in aid of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place in the parish this weekend, 10th and 11th of March.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory/missalettes Kells €1135 Girley €113
Weekly envelopes Kells €1102 Girley €45
We thank all who contribute, collect and count.

Handball - € 400;
Kilmainham - €3,700;
Drumbaragh - €10,400; Gaeil Colmcille - €12,000



HYMN FOR LENT

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me.
Father, let me call thee Father,
For I now return to thee.
Jesus Lord I ask for mercy,
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins I now reject them,
Never will I sin again.