



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



SUNDAY 15 JULY 2018

Priest on Duty – Fr John - Phone: 0469240213

Times of weekend Masses: Sat Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and 12.15pm. Girley 10am

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

The fourth annual collection in aid of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place in the parish this weekend, 14th and 15th of July 2018.



PLASTIC, PLASTIC EVERYWHERE. IT'S TIME TO STOP AND THINK!
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

When Pope Francis published his Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si” - *on care for our common home* - many people were surprised to read his words “*The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth*”. In these strong but true words he refers to misuse, over use and waste of our world’s resources and also to the damage that this is causing to our environment and to the health of all life on the planet.

There are many sources of pollution in our world but one - PLASTIC- is present in practically every place and in the life of almost every human being. In terms of man-made materials, no other exceeds plastic in the amount that is produced. More plastic has been produced in the 17 years of this century than in the entire one hundred years of the 20th century. Three hundred million tons of plastic is produced every year. Half of this enormous amount is used just once as wrapping, drinks bottles, carrier bags, etc. and is then thrown away. Only 10% is recycled.

In 2002 Ireland made history by becoming the first country in the world to introduce a plastic bag levy that reduced the use of plastic carrier bags by over 90%. Since then, the positive impact of this innovation has been wiped out by our growing use of plastic packaging and bottles. A survey in an Irish supermarket showed that 121 out of 139 fruit and vegetable items on sale were packaged in plastic. Ireland, according to recent Eurostat figures, is now the top producer of plastic waste in the European Union. We produce 134 pounds or 61kg of plastic waste per person every year. How did we get to this since we made such positive history back in 2002?

Plastic is now an unavoidable part of our everyday life. How we use it matters. Clearly it is time to end our overuse of plastic in order to protect our world. This is important as a way of showing consideration for our environment, our neighbours and for future generations. It is also as Pope Francis tells us below, a way of living our faith:



“Christians in their turn realise that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith”.

THINGS TO DO

- (1) Use reusable bottles - worldwide over 480 billion plastic bottles were sold in 2016. Don't buy them!
- (2) Stop using plastic straws - hundreds of millions are thrown away every day!
- (3) Avoid plastic packaging - buy loose fruit and vegetables.
- (4) Cook more - not only is it healthier, it also avoids use of throw-away containers and plastic cutlery.
- (5) Recycle properly - take time & trouble to get to know, clean & separate plastics that can be recycled.

Recently Departed

George Doherty, Blackwater Heights; Patricia Carr, Headfort Grove

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

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| Sat (July 14) | 6.30pm | -8th Ann - Ciara Fox, Blackthorn Close -2nd Ann - Patsy Byrne, Willie Black Crescent -Anniv - Pat McCormack, Kells & London |
| Sun (July 15) | 11.00am | -Anniv - Kieran Daly, Kilmainham |
| Fri (July 20) | 9.30am | -Anniv - Decd members of McGovern family, Carrick St & Climber Hall |
| Sat (July 21) | 10.00am | -Anniv - Jack & Kitty Grimes, Church View |
| | 6.30pm | -3rd Ann - John Mulvany & 24th Ann - Kathleen Mulvany, Cavan Rd -2nd Ann - Eileen Corrigan, Mountainpole -11th Ann - George Wheeler, Maple Drive |
| Sun (July 22) | 11.00am | -MM - Fidelma Whyte, Headfort Rd |



Mass Intentions for Week - Girley

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| Sun (July 15) | 10.00am | - Anniv - Bridget Farrelly, Newtowngirley |
| Sun (July 22) | 10.00am | - Anniv - Kitty & Frank Tully, Girley |

Anniversary Masses

Colm Boylan, Bohermeen; Pat, Essie & Matt Rourke, Canon St; Yvonne Cassidy, Kenlis Place & Kilskyre; Joseph & Bridget Sutton, St. Colmcille's Villas; Pad Black, Loyd.

PRAYERFUL SILENCE IN CHURCH



- Many people have asked the priests to 'do something' about the amount of talking before and during Mass, especially towards the back of the church. We appeal to people to respect this special time with the Lord.
- Recently Pope Francis has said: "Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk. Catholics should spend their time before and during Mass preparing to meet with Jesus instead of engaging in chitchat. Silence is so important. Remember we are not going to a show. Silence prepares us and accompanies us."

KELLS LIVELY CITIZENS CLUB - DAY TRIP on 18th July - leaving at 9.15am (from Garda Station) visiting Birr Castle, O'Meara's Garden Pavilion and dinner in Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar. €35 per person. Closing date for tickets is 16th July 2018. (Booking/Deposit €20 to secure seat - contact Brian Curran on 0868144495.

KELLS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Garden outing to Sherwin (private garden) Delvin and Birr Castle Garden, Co. Offaly. Coach leaves Kells at 9am. Bookings through Usher Auction Rooms or ring 0874167156.

MAINTENANCE WORKER - required for Moynalty Tidy Towns Committee - must be in receipt of Social Welfare payments for 12 months minimum. Contact Maeve on 0469241812

YOUNG ADULTS 18 - 45 - invited to weekend of prayer and reflection from 20-22nd July in Dalgan Park, Navan. Cost: Donation. Own room, all meals. Contact: Sr. Una 0906481666 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

WALKING WEDNESDAYS - in association with Meath Local Sports Partnership. Meet at Girley Hall each Wed at 7.30pm. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Don't worry if you miss a week - come along on the following one. "Improve your fitness and make new friends".

CHARITY BBO - Sun 15th July in Farrelly's Yard, Kieran Cross, Carnaross in aid of Meath Palliative Care, Order of Malta, SOFT & SOSAD. Live music 2-8pm. Mickey Farrelly Memorial Charity Tractor Run, starts 12 noon.

MEATH RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME VACANCY - Due to the expansion of the Rural Social Scheme, Meath Partnership is currently inviting applications from members of the farming community who wish to seek employment on the Scheme in Meath. Further details and application forms available from Barbara Gaynor - phone 0866031077.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY - offers a free local transport service for patients undergoing chemotherapy and attending one of the following hospitals for treatment - Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda, Cavan General and the Mater hospitals. A driver will pick you up at the door of your home, drop you off at the hospital and then, when finished treatment, will collect you and drop you home. To access the service please speak to your oncology nurse or social worker in the hospital or, for more information, please call Laura on 012310594 or email: transport@irishcancer.ie



Handball €2,100; Kilmainham €5,500;
Drumbaragh €12,200;
Gaeil Colmcille €4,650

COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Missalettes Kells €1555 Girley €454
Weekly envelopes Kells €1778 Girley €73
We thank all who contribute, count and collect.