



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



SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018

Priest on Duty – Fr. John - Phone: 0469240213 & 0469240842



SPECIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Monday night (December 17th) at 8pm in Parish
Church in preparation for Christmas.**



The format will be the same as in previous years. People who wish to meet the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening will be asked to approach the Sanctuary as if they were coming to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. You may spend as long as you wish with the priest of your choice who will then give you absolution. Seats at the top of the Church will be reserved for people who have difficulty standing.

People are invited to be in their seats by 8pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE STEWARDS

Val Mulvany, Brian O'Neill, Francis McGovern, Gerry McManus,
Jimmy McQuaid, Liz Smyth, Margie O'Neill

(It would be appreciated if Stewards could please be in the church at 7.30pm)



IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON ABORTION BILL



Reflecting on the current Dáil debate on the Abortion Bill, bishops said, "We are dismayed that, for the most part, the voices of those who voted against abortion in May's referendum have been ignored. Even what many people would have deemed to have been very reasonable legislative amendments seeking to provide women with information and to prohibit abortion on the grounds of sex, race or disability, have been rejected. As we stated after our Autumn meeting, Irish society must have respect for the right of conscientious objection for all healthcare professionals and pharmacists. They cannot be forced either to participate in abortion or to refer patients to others for abortion. Every one of us has a right to life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. The direct and intentional taking of human life at any stage is gravely wrong and can never be justified. Women's lives and the lives of their unborn children are precious, valued and always deserving of protection. Any law which suggests otherwise would have no moral force. In good conscience it cannot be supported and would have to be resisted. We offer our prayerful solidarity with everyone dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life at all stages. We ask everyone of goodwill - whether at home, in parish, in school or at work - to continue to choose and to celebrate the preciousness of life.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Flowers or donations for Christmas Altar greatly appreciated.
Kindly leave in Sacristy before Tuesday December 18th.



CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS

Christmas Mass Bouquet cards now
available in Parish Office.



ADVENT HYMN

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel.
O come thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Recently Departed

Kathleen Greene, Maudlin Road

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

Sat (Dec 15)	6.30pm	-2nd Ann - Caroline Brennan, Árd na Gréine -8th Ann - Bridie Hickey, Kilmainham -Anniv - Mary Grace, Maudlin St also Margaret & Micháel Grace
Sun (Dec 16)	11.00am 12.15pm	-MM - Mona Keaveny, Oldcastle Rd -1st Ann - Harry Farrelly, Moylagh, Oldcastle
Tue (Dec 18)	9.30am	-Anniv - Deceased members of Cole & Coyne families, Moynalty Rd & Allenstown
Sat (Dec 22)	10.00am 6.30pm	-Anniv - Teresa Rogers, Bective St -6th Ann - David Drew, Mill Lane -MM - Maureen Byrne, Drumbaragh
Sun (Dec 23)	9.00am 11.00am 12.15pm	-1st Ann - Willie Tevlin, Kilmainham & 2nd Ann - Alice Farrelly -1st Ann - Harold O'Sullivan, Bective Place -1st Ann - Maura Murtagh, Headfort Park



Mass Intentions for Week - Girley

Sun (Dec 16) 10.00am -Anniv - Edward & Mary Lenehan, Fordstown

Anniversary Masses

Mary & Terence Dunne, Cookstown; William & Catherine Doherty, Nobber; Marie McConnell, St. Brigid's Tce; Liam Maguire, St. Brigid's Tce; Michael McGovern, Fair Green; Peter, PJ & Ella Smyth, O'Growney Tce; Francie Farrelly, Kilmainham.



REMINDER - CHANGES IN MASS TIMES 2019

From the first weekend in January - Jan 5th & 6th - the Mass times on Sundays will be 9am and 11.30am.

Baptisms: commencing on January 13th, the baptisms will be at 1.30pm.

THANK YOU FROM FR. LIAM

Fr. Liam would like to thank all parishioners for their kindness and generosity at the recent function in the Headfort Arms and also the committee for their hard work in organising the event.



ADVENT REFLECTION - SUN 16TH & 23RD DEC - EDMUND RICE CENTRE AT 5PM



ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

Annual Christmas Carol Service takes place in St. Columba's Church next week, Sunday 23rd December at 7.00pm. Choir of St. Colmcille's Parish and Kells Silver Band. All welcome.



PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND ENVELOPES

The Parish Community thanks those parishioners who are kindly delivering the boxes of envelopes for 2019. If you have not received your box by end of December or have a change of address please contact the Parish Office on 0469240213.



KELLS SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY - hosted by Knights of St. Columbanus in the Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells on Sunday 6th January 2018 at 2pm. Kells Silver Band and Entertainment. RSVP - Michael 0872224724 or Paddy 0879144936
KELLS MULTICULTURAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Kells Theatre in association with Cavan4C presents Kells Christmas Variety Show. Two one-hour shows at 2pm & 4pm on Sunday, 16th Dec with Irish & European dancers and special guests Santa & his Elves. Special raffles; Christmas Stalls; Hot food & beverages; Local Arts & Crafts. Pre-book: kellsmcfl8@gmail.com
INSPIRE CHORAL GROUP - will launch their first album 'True Colours' this Sunday, 16th Dec at 5pm in Headfort Arms Hotel. All welcome for complimentary event with mulled wine and festive treats from the hotel and a concert of music from the album. Donations on the day will be made to Dublin Simon Community.

Handball €4,300;
Kilmainham: €1,400;
Drumbaragh €2,700
Gaeil Colmcille €7,950

COLLECTION

Offertory/Missal: Kells €2,446 Girley €343
Weekly envelopes: Kells €1,587 Girley €54
Thank you to all those who contribute, count and collect.

