



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



SUNDAY 18 FEB 2018

Priest on Duty – Fr Liam - Phone 9240213

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

Confessions: Saturday 10.30–11am, 2-2.30pm, 6–6.30pm

Baptisms Second and Fourth Sunday 3pm. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Mon to Fri 8am-5.30pm

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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’

Human Rights Law - Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”.

The right to life is a fundamental human right. Without it all other human rights, such as the right to an education, food and shelter, free speech, are meaningless. The unborn child will grow and change in rapid ways during the nine months of pregnancy. Our basic needs as human beings are the same inside and outside the womb. Fundamental human rights belong to everyone by virtue of our inherent dignity and value as human beings.

What is the view of the Church on abortion?: - The Church teaches that life is sacred from conception to natural death and there is no such thing as a life without value. This belief is based on reason as well as faith. Our Church rejects the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

FAMILY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift from God.

Prayer for the Child in the Womb, Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference 2012

SEASON OF LENT

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We will introduce Morning Prayer of the Church 10 minutes before both morning Masses, Monday-Friday, during Lent, starting Monday 19th February. This is the universal prayer of the Church, the Divine Office, which has been said all over the world by Christians down through the centuries. Please come a little earlier to Mass and join us at 7.35am or 9.20am as we praise God in prayers that are older than the Church itself. You will be given a booklet so you can join in the responses. This would be a lovely way to make Lent special!

LET’S DO LENT (IDEAS FOR LENT 2018)

1. Daily Mass - why not take part in Mass?
 2. Take a temporary pledge - abstain from alcohol, cigarettes, sweets, etc
 3. Find out something more about your faith - why not read some of the bible or do some spiritual reading over the next 40 days?
 4. Display your Trócaire box in a prominent position in your home and support the church’s outreach.
 5. Almsgiving - do a good deed - perhaps a random act of kindness or appreciation.
- (More next week)

Recently Departed

Paddy Power, Rockfield Rd

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

- Sat (Feb 17) 6.30pm - Anniv - Brigie Cleary née Conaty, Fair Green
- Anniv - Matt & Kathleen Grimes, Drumbaragh
- 4th Ann - Anne McGovern, Cavan Rd
- Sun (Feb 18) 11.00am - MM - Declan McCaughley, Balrath Wd
- 12.15pm - MM - Audrey O'Reilly, Headfort Rd
- Tue (Feb 20) 9.30am - Anniv - Tess Reilly, Maudlin Rd
- Fri (Feb 23) 9.30am - Anniv - Maphie, John & Liam Broderick, Maudlin Rd
- Sat (Feb 24) 10.00am - 9th Ann - Malachi Arrigan, Gardenrath
- 6.30pm - Anniv - John Martin, Magdalene Crt also James & Chrissie Martin & Kevin & Maureen Rice
- 5th Ann - Mary Forde, Drumbaragh
- 4th Ann - Christina Gogarty, Rosmeen
- Sun (Feb 25) 9.00am - 1st Ann - May King, Rosmeen
- 11.00am - 1st Ann - Pdraig Quigley, Birmingham, late St Brigid's Tce
- 12.15pm - MM - Noleen Olohan, Market St



Mass Intentions for Week - Girley

- Sun (Feb 18) 10.00am - 1st Ann - Breda Clarke, Moyaugher
- Sun (Feb 25) 10.00am - Anniv - Bill & Brenda Burke, Drewstown Little
- Anniv - Marie, Nancy & Pat Bradley, Fordstown

Anniversary Masses

Msgr John Shortall, former PP Kells; Elizabeth Price, née Doyle, Moynalty Rd; John Tormay, Maudlin St; Deceased members of the Lynch family, Drumbaragh; Jimmy McDonnell, Columba Tce; Mary, Bernard & Benny Caffrey, Suffolk St; Matthew & Norah Lynch, Johnsbrook.

TRÓCAIRE 2018

Trócaire has supported programmes in Sierra Leone since the 1980s, focusing mainly on women's empowerment. According to the UN, Sierra Leone is ranked 179 out of 188 in the Human Development Index, which tracks poverty by examining factors such as health, education and life expectancy. Average families are living on less than €50 per month. In areas where Trócaire works it is as low as €35.

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign focuses on the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this family's future forever. Join Trócaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of the Koroma family and the people of Sierra Leone.

DID YOU GET YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX? IF NOT, EXTRA BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PORCHES OF BOTH CHURCHES.



FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS COMMITTEE MEETING - PAROCHIAL HOUSE FRI 23RD FEB AT 8PM

KELLS ALPS - Tues 20th Feb - Adult Educ Centre, Bective St - 10.30am-12.30pm. Michelle Owens - Hair care. All welcome.

LOURDES INVALID FUND - Church Gate Collection next weekend - Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th February 2018.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE - entitled "You Have Made Your Bed! It Is Possible To Change The Bed Linen" by Liz Valloor née Dillon. Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Sunday 4th March from 10am - 4pm. Contact Liz on 0863519951

RADIO MARIA IRELAND - is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies - all commercial free. Listen via free App 'Radio Maria Ireland', streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone - get live radio feed by calling 014373277 (no extra charges apply).

M.A.H.S. LECTURE - 'Medieval Chant for Irish Saints - Recovering a Hidden European Heritage' by Dr. Ann Buckley (TCD) at the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Wed Feb 21st at 7.30pm following launch of the Society's Journal Riocht na Midhe 2018 by Bishop Michael Smith (Patron). All welcome. Enquiries to J. Clancy, PRO, on 018259438.

COMMUNITY WALKING PROGRAMME - Local Group - Wed 8pm at GAA Centre, Kells. Contact Ann: 0879781474 for info.



COLLECTIONS

Offertory/missalettes Kells €1809 Girley €180,
Weekly envelopes Kells €1440 Girley €61
We thank those who contribute, collect and count.

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.



LOTTOS: Handball €1300; Kilmainham €3400;
Drumbaragh €10150; Gaeil Colmcille €12000 (capped)