



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



SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018

Priest on Duty – Fr. Liam Phone: 9240213.

MONDAY 19TH MARCH - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MASS AT 10AM



CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday we welcome Bishop Smith who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am. We congratulate the Girls and Boys who will make their Confirmation and we thank the parents and teachers who have prepared them for the Sacrament.

- The Ceremony is more prayerful when videos and cameras are used only when the Ceremony is finished.
- Saturday: No 10am Mass.
No Confessions 2-2.30pm.
- Car Park outside church gates available for Confirmation (no ticket needed).
- Inside Car Park not available for cars.



SPECIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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

**ANNUAL CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2017 AT 7PM
IN MULLINGAR CATHEDRAL. ALL WELCOME.**



MARY MC ALEESE ALSO SAID.....

Asked why she remained Catholic, she said “I stay now because I choose. I choose to be one of 1.2 billion people spread across five continents, part of an institution that has no equal on the planet in terms of its outreach to the poor, the dispossessed, to the marginalised, part of an institution (that can be) the hands of God’s work in the world. No NGO does what the Catholic Church does through ordinary people. They’re the people who inspire me, it’s their work that drives me on and gives me hope for the future”, she said.

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’*

What if my baby won’t survive?:- Many parents who received this news and continued their pregnancy to term say the chance to hold and care for their child, even if just for a few moments, helped them to grieve and heal after their child passed away. They have memories that they cherish and are consoled knowing they did all they could to care for and love their sick baby. As a society, we should strive to increase and improve perinatal hospice care and support for these babies and their families.

As well as medical assistance, what support is available?:- *One Day More* and *Every Life Counts* are Irish charities which offer support to mothers and fathers of babies with life-limiting conditions. They enable families to make meaningful plans for their child’s life, birth and death, in a way that honours the baby as well as the baby’s family.

Family Prayer: O Mary, Mother of the Life Within, all life we entrust to you. The life of every expectant mother and the child within her womb. The life of every human body, the life of every human soul, the life of every newborn child and the life of all grown old. You held the Lord to your own heart and drew Him so close in. So draw us now in all our needs O Mother of the Life Within. Amen

Recently Deceased

Margaret Kernan, London, late of Market St & Cloverhill, Kells

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

Sun (Mar 18)	11.00am	-	1st Ann - Philip Shaw, Balnagon Upr
	12.15pm	-	MM - Seamus Mooney, John St
Mon (Mar 19)		-	FEAST OF ST JOSEPH
	10.00am	-	Anniv - Owen Farrelly, Grangegodden
Tue (Mar 20)	9.30am	-	Anniv - Kathleen, James & Eamonn Grace, Maudlin Rd
Sat (Mar 24)	11.00am	-	CONFIRMATION
	6.30pm	-	Anniv - John Furlong, Kilmainham
		-	2nd Ann - Tommy Grimes, Fr Mac Cullen Pk
		-	2nd Ann - Micheal Flood, O'Growney Tce
Sun (Mar 25)	11.00am	-	1st Ann - Dave MacGowan, Headfort Pk & late of Loyd



Mass Intentions - Girley

Sun (Mar 18)	10.00am	-	Anniv - Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown
Sun (Mar 25)	10.00am	-	MM - Bernie Faulkner, Newtowngirley

Anniversary Masses

Patrick Carry, Calliaghstown; Gertie Burke, St. Brigid's Tce; Thomas Carpenter, Church View; Michael Dunne, Cross St; Pat & Mary Griffin, Calliaghstown

KELLS ALPS - Tues 20th March in Adult Education Centre, Bective St. Relaxation with Liz Hanney. All welcome.

KELLS LOCAL HEROES - are having their annual Good Friday Litter Pick on March 30th. Meeting at church car park at 10am. (Please bring gloves). Everyone welcome.

HINTERLAND NEEDS YOUR HELP! - Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts - Kells is launching a Fund-It Campaign to ensure the 2018 Festival takes place. Please help to raise €10,000 - if this amount is not raised then the Festival will not receive any funding. Website: fundit.ie/project/hinterland-festival

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND - Positive and Practical Training for family and carers of loved ones with dementia. At Whistlemount Day Centre, Navan. Starting Tuesday April 10th from 7-9.30pm. 6 week course. For further details contact Christine Carr on 012073834.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP - an information evening for Stroke survivors and their families is being held in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Thursday 22nd March at 6.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to give information on stroke, offer support and advice to people post stroke and their carers, discuss plans for a weekly stroke support group in Navan. This event is free to attend. Who should attend:- stroke survivors, family, carers, friends, health care workers, anyone interested in stroke support, anyone who would like to volunteer with the running of the group. For more information please ring the group coordinator, Seamus Casey on 0861300238 or email: tegan@irishheart



**FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS COMMITTEE MEETING -
PAROCHIAL HOUSE WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH AT 8PM**

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

MEETING ON TUESDAY 20TH MARCH IN PAROCHIAL HOUSE AT 7.30PM



EASTER MASS BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Mass Bouquet cards now available in Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS

Offertory/missalettes Kells €2329 Girley €413
Weekly envelopes Kells €1869 Girley €119
We thank all who contribute, collect and count.

Handball - € 500;
Kilmainham - €3,800;
Drumbaragh - €10,500;

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.