



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



**SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2017**

**Priest on Duty – Fr. Liam Phone: 9240213**



**“JOY OF BELLS” INITIATIVE 19TH MARCH 2017**

An initiative by Maria Jansson, the Church of Ireland Dean of Waterford Cathedral, and former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, to express solidarity with migrants and refugees by ringing church bells today, 19th March. Bishops are encouraging parishes to ring the church bells so that, in ringing, they proclaim our Christian witness and proclamation of faith, trust, love, reconciliation and joy and that every migrant is welcome! Pope Francis said, “I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.....” Bishops urge that the long delays for asylum seekers living in our direct provision system be addressed as it mitigates against social integration and cohesion. Bishops ask parishes to continue to extend Christian hospitality to migrants and refugees who have settled here in recent times.



**ALTAR SERVERS**



Altar Serving is an important ministry in the Church and the role of Altar Servers is greatly valued in our Parish. As a number of our current servers are due to finish their ministry we would welcome new Altar Servers to join our existing team assisting our Priests in the celebration of the Mass. If your son/daughter has received their First Holy Communion and is in 3rd, 4th or 5th class, they are welcome to join the Altar Server teams. Training will be provided. Contact details for you/your child can be given to Fr. John, Fr. Liam or the Parish Secretary by Friday 24th March 2017. A training session will take place in St. Colmcille’s Church on Saturday 25th March at 3pm (one hour approx.).



**“CREATION”: New Art Work in Kells Church**



- Copies of the artists’ comments are available at the back of the church.
- The parish community is most appreciative of the number of parishioners who have made contributions to the cost of the work.
- If any other parishioner or organization wishes to be associated with the work, their donation will be much appreciated.

**We welcome into our Christian Community:–**



Holly Bella Browne  
Emiy Anne Sheridan  
Abbie Rose Dunne  
Ceyanna Elizabeth Bennett  
Jaxon Eamon Kelly  
John Keith Maguire  
Aoife Amelia Ní Fhlatharta  
Thomas Noel Herward



Niamh June Arkins  
Keegan Edward Galligan  
Emily Grace Kavanagh  
Cody Gary Napier  
Dara Francis Napier

- Fordstown, Navan
- Sycamore Ave, Kells
- Fordstown, Navan
- Headfort Gr, Kells
- Lord Edward St, Kells
- Blackwater Hts, Kells
- Archdeaconry View, Kells
- Fordstown, Navan
- Townparks Manor, Kells
- Gardenrath Close, Kells
- Balrath Rd, Kells
- Landsdale, Australia
- Landsdale, Australia



### Recently Departed

Hugh Maguire, Gardenrath; Kathleen McCarthy, Clonakilty, Co. Cork;  
Please pray for Parents of Saoirse McMullan, Balrath Woods.

#### Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

- Sat (Mar 18) 6.30pm - Anniv - Peter Nelson, Kilmainham  
- 3rd Ann - Sean Flanagan, Rockfield Rd  
- 3rd Ann - Maria Skelly, Headfort Pk
- Sun (Mar 19) 9.00am - 1st Ann - Eileen Curnyn, The Grove, Farrell St  
11.00am - 1st Ann - Tommy Grimes, Fr MacCullen Pk  
12.15pm - 1st Ann - Michael Flood, O'Growney Tce
- Mon (Mar 20) - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- Fri (Mar 24) 1.00pm - Wedding - Girley church
- Sat (Mar 25) 10.00am - 2nd Ann - Dick & Monica Connell, Balrath Rd  
6.30pm - Anniv - John Furlong, Kilmainham  
- Anniv - Robert & PJ Cole, Moynalty Rd  
- 3rd Ann - Sr. Veronica Smith, Strabane & Joe Smith, Rosmeen
- Sun (Mar 26) 11.00am - MM - Kathryn O'Hara Heath also Jack O'Hara, Grangegoddan, late of Manchester  
12.15pm - MM - Joe Hannon, Commons of Loyd



#### Mass Intentions for Week - Girley

- Sun (Mar 26) 10.00am - Anniv - Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown  
Sun (Apr 2) 10.00am - 3rd Ann - Alice Clarke, Garristown

#### Anniversary Masses

Thomas Carpenter, Church View; Jimmy Smith, Suffolk St; The Conaty Family, Fair Green;  
Thomas Carberry, Pepperstown; John Donohoe, O'Growney Tce.



### MOTHER AND BABY HOMES

(Statement of the Spring 2017 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference)

The appalling story of life, death and adoptions related to Mother and Baby Homes has shocked everyone in Ireland and beyond these shores. Sadly, we are again being reminded of a time when unmarried mothers were frequently judged and rejected. We remember in prayer the deceased who suffered so much and their loved ones who continue to experience emotional and psychological hurt. We reiterate our 2014 position, when welcoming the announcement of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, which stated: "This culture of isolation and social ostracising was harsh and unforgiving. The Gospel calls us to treat everyone, particularly children and the most vulnerable, with dignity, love, compassion and mercy. We must ensure that all children and their mothers always feel wanted, welcomed and loved. Mindful of the words of Jesus, 'Let the little children come to me, because it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs', we apologise for hurt caused by the Church as part of this system". The way forward is to seek the truth, to reveal and address the damage of the past, and to the best of our ability, ensure that mothers and children are cherished and respected and never stigmatised again. It is also critical for Ireland, as a society, to thoroughly examine this dimension of our social history and to consider the legacy it has left us as a people. We ask all to support the Commission in every way that they can. We encourage the Government to progress the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 to assist those who are searching for their parents and children.

**KELLS ALPS** - Tues 21st March in Adult Education Centre, Bective St. Chair exercise with Carmel. All welcome.

**ST. COLMCILLE'S (KELLS) CREDIT UNION** - Loan information evening on Thurs 23rd Mar from 6-8pm in Credit Union office. Light refreshments will be served.

**DAFFODIL DAY 24TH MARCH** - Volunteers needed to collect in Kells. If you can spare two hours please contact Miriam on 0872499445.

**FREE COURSE IN DIGITAL SKILLS** - 10 hour programme over 5 weeks, 2 hrs per week, ten participants per course. To register your interest please phone Third Age Summerhill on 0469557766.

**COLUMBAN ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, DALGAN** - Conference on 'Food, Farming & Laudato Si' Sat 25th March from 9am-3.30pm. Cost €30 Contact Elizabeth McArdle - devofficemail@gmail.com

#### COLLECTIONS

Offertory/missalettes Kells €2160 Girley €252  
Weekly envelopes Kells €2058 Girley €146  
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.



Handball €4400;  
Kilmainham €9000;  
Drumbaragh €5500;  
Gaeil Colmcille €4950

### OPENING HYMN FOR THE SUNDAYS OF 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.  
By my sins I have abandoned  
Right and claim to heaven above,  
Where the saints rejoice forever  
In a boundless sea of love.  
Jesus Lord.....