



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



SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017

Priest on Duty – Fr John - Phone: 9240213

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

Masses for week - Mon-Fri 9.30am; Sat 10am (No 7.45am Mass)

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

Baptisms Second and Fourth Sunday 3pm. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Mon to Fri 10am-5.30pm

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Parish Office opening hours:- Tues - Fri 9am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm

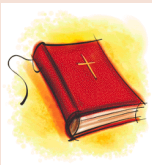


to all those who were directly involved in planning and executing the ceremonies in the Parish at Easter - your input and effort is very much appreciated.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY 2017

**ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, KELLS
TODAY - SUNDAY 23RD APRIL AT 2.30PM**

**Holy Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary,
Blessing of Divine Mercy Image & Benediction**



BIBLES

Pope Francis asked us to carry and read our bibles with as much dedication as our mobile phones. Does every home in our parish have an easy-to-read bible? Bibles to suit all ages will be available to order in the parish, facilitated by the Pastoral Council. After all Masses this weekend you can, if you wish, inspect and order a bible of your choice. They will be on display in the porch.

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

This letter appeared in one of the Irish papers recently: ‘The persecution of Christians in many countries around the world is rampant yet the issue is almost ignored by the “cultural elites” and struggles to gain attention through organisations such as Church in Chains. The message of Easter is one of reconciliation and forgiveness yet isolated voices of despairing and persecuted Christians in Egypt, India, Nigeria, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Iraq, North Korea and elsewhere cast a shadow on our own lack of response and awareness. The tendency of western media to sneer at Christianity dilutes what should be our outrage at treatment of our fellow believers as they suffer appalling conditions because of their faith. It is time to speak out.’



CEMETERY DRAW—11th May 2017

In 2016 the Cemetery Committee spent €26766 maintaining St. Colmcille's Cemetery. Income from Cemetery draw in 2016 was €15765. We thank all our Promoters for this much needed income. In order to maintain the Cemetery at its proper level, the Cemetery Committee depends on the proceeds of the Cemetery draw.

Cards are available from the Church Sacristy, from the Parish Office 9240213, e-mail: info@kellsparish.ie or from the Cemetery Committee. The 2017 Draw will be held on Thursday May 11th at 4pm in the Parish Office. There are 10 names on each card. €15 per person. If any Promoter did not receive their card, please contact the Parish Office. Cards should be returned before Wednesday 10th May.

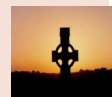


Recently Departed

Mary Browne, Kilmainham; Lila Holt, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

Sat (April 22)	6.30pm	- 3rd Ann - Victor Duffy, Gardenrath Rd - 4th Ann - Kitty Nelson, Kilmainham - Anniv - Mattie, Nora & Paddy Ward, Canon St
Sun (April 23)	11.00am 12.15pm	- MM - Jack Murphy, Headfort Place - MM - Hugh Maguire, Gardenrath Rd
Thur (Apr 27)	9.30am	- Anniv - Maureen Donaghy, Crossmaglen
Fri (Apr 28)	9.30am	- Anniv - Deceased members of Mulroe & Coyne families, Allenstown
Sat (Apr 29)	6.30pm	- Anniv - Paddy & Maura Landers, Rockfield Rd - 2nd Ann - Kathleen Smith & 7th Ann - James Smith, Calliaghstown - 5th Ann - Thomas Ward, Crossakiel
Sun (Apr 30)	11.00am 12.15pm	- 1st Ann - Mary Bermingham, Blackthorn Grove - MM - Brig Mitchell, St. Brigid's Tce



Mass Intentions for Week - Cirley

Sun (Apr 23)	10.00am	- MM - John Hyland, Chamberlainstown
Sun (Apr 30)	10.00am	- Anniv - Deceased members of the Woods family, Drewstown

Anniversary Masses

Michael Farrell, Gardenrath; Edward Duffy, Boolies; Kathleen Hoey, Árd na Gréine;
Terry Clarke, The Grove, Farrell St.

COLLECTIONS

Easter Offertory/missalettes Kells €3101 Girley €350,
Easter envelopes Kells €5209 Girley €360
Fr John & Fr Liam thank all who contributed to their upkeep
through last Sunday's Easter Offering Day.



DO THIS IN MEMORY PARENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting on Monday 24th April 2017 in Parochial House at 8pm.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - led by Bishop Smith 12th -17th Sept 2017. Return flights, 5 nights hotel full board, insurance & taxes, starting from €699. There is a special section for sick pilgrims requiring assistance with accommodation and medical supervision in the Accueil Notre Dame. There is a special youth section, 18-30 years, contact: meathyouth@gmail.com. To book, contact Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 164 Lwr Baggot St, Dublin - Tel: 016359300.

KELLS ALPS - Tues 25th Apr -Summer flowers with Hazel. All welcome.
MEATH ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM - followed by Lecture - 'Nicholas Tuite in the West Indies' by Peter Tuite - Tuesday 25th April at 8pm in Oldcastle Library. All welcome. Enquiries to J. Clancy, PRO, at 018259438.

CAR TREASURE HUNT - in aid of Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre on Sun 30th April starting from Cross Guns, Nobber at 2pm. Registration €20 per car - pre-register anytime in Cross Guns or from 1.30pm on the day.

BIRDLIFE AT GIRLEY BOG - Ornithologist Frank Ar Moenner will be hosting a walk of the Girley Bog - he will be showing the array of birds that depend on this diverse bog ecosystem - Saturday 29th April 10am-12pm. Meet at car park off N52.

ROYAL COUNTY 5KM & 10KM - in Kells on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May at 10.30am is now open for registration. See meathsports.ie for further details. Early bird (available until Thursday 27th April) €15 for 10km; €10 for 5km. All ages and abilities welcome.

OPENING HYMN FOR EASTER



Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia
Our triumphant holy day Alleluia
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia
Suffer to redeem our loss Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia
Unto Christ our heavenly King Alleluia
Who endured the Cross and Grave Alleluia
Sinners to redeem and save Alleluia.



Handball €600; Kilmainham €9500;
Drumbaragh €6000; Gaeil Colmcille €5700