



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



**SUNDAY 23 JULY 2017**

**Priest on Duty – Fr Liam - Phone: 0469240213**

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



**TRÓCAIRE EMERGENCY COLLECTION - 22/23rd July**

The Irish Catholic Bishops have announced that special collections will take place at Masses across Ireland this weekend, 22/23rd July to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in east-Africa.

The money raised will be donated to Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which is delivering emergency food, water and health care to some of the 25 million people affected. Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock. The United Nations has described the situation in the drought-ravaged parts of Africa as the greatest humanitarian

crisis since the Second World War. Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne and chairperson of Trócaire, says the agency is already working on the ground saving lives and that with the support of parishioners here at home in the coming weeks, many tens of thousands more people will receive help. Bishop Crean said “The world is distracted by the actions of a handful of powerful politicians, while in east Africa millions suffer in silence. It is unacceptable for so many to go hungry”.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS POLICIES:  
GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS**

We are proud of the three Catholic primary schools in our parish. They provide an excellent education for the children in a fun and caring environment. All the feedback we receive tells us that our schools are inclusive and welcoming places for all the children. None of our schools wish to refuse any child.

Recent statistics from the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association show that, throughout the country, 94% of Catholic schools enrol every pupil that applies for a place. There are less than 100 over-subscribed Catholic schools in the whole country (out of 3200 schools).

Where Catholic schools experience over-crowding or 'over-subscription', younger siblings of existing pupils receive first priority. In no circumstances may schools enrol applicants who live outside the parish boundary while refusing a place to any applicant from within the boundary, regardless of religious affiliation.

The problem currently in public discourse is caused by a lack of school places, not inclusivity. The Minister of Education is blaming schools for a problem caused by a lack of Government investment in school places in a small number of locations primarily in Dublin. Rather than discriminating against Catholic schools - which is, in effect, what is proposed - the Minister could be committing additional resources to supply more school places where they are needed.



### Recently Departed

Marie Clarke, Barfordstown; Joe Gavan, Seymourstown, Carnaross;  
Jim Kavanagh, Bohermeen; Brian Geraghty, Rathstephen, Moynalty.

### Mass Intentions for Week - Kells

Sat (Jul 22)	6.30pm	- 2nd Ann - John Mulvany - 23rd Ann - Kathleen Mulvany, Cavan Rd - 10th Ann - George Wheeler, Maple Drive - 5th Ann - Matthew Rourke, Canon St also Patrick & Essie Rourke
Sun (Jul 23)	11.00am 12.15pm	- MM - Tom Sheils, Gardenrath Close - 1st Ann - Paddy Rooney, London
Mon (July 24)	9.30am	- 5th Ann - Tony O'Connell, Headfort Road
Tues (July 25)		- FEAST OF ST JAMES, APOSTLE
Wed (July 26)	2.00pm	- SS JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Wedding - Kells church
Fri (July 28)	1.30pm	- Wedding - Girley church
Sat (July 29)	6.30pm	- 3rd Ann - Myra Geraghty, 6th Ann - Tommy Geraghty also Gerard & Francis Geraghty, Archdeaconry - 4th Ann - Kitty Barrett, Kenlis Place - 5th Ann - Benny Hand, Headfort Lodge also Matt Hand, Normanstown
Sun (July 30)	11.00am	- 1st Ann - Rita Dolan, Carrick St



### Mass Intentions for Week - Girley

Sun (July 23)	10.00am	- Anniv - Jimmy & Willie Devine, Chamberlainstown
Sun (July 30)	10.00am	- Anniv - Emily Dillon, The Grove, Fordstown

### Anniversary Masses

Margaret & Sean O'Sullivan, Bruddy Tumalty, St Colmcille's Villas; Sean Moran, Hermitage Glen;  
Paddy Duff, Headfort Rd & Deceased members of the Duff family;  
Nancy Black, Mullagh Lane, Kilmainham; Patrick O'Reilly, Hillview, Kilmainham;  
Bernard & Elizabeth Flynn, Fair Green; Lizzie Molloy, St. Brigid's Tce; Patsy O'Reilly.

**KELLS & DISTRICT TOURISM NETWORK** - are looking for volunteers who would be interested in promoting tourism in Kells. If interested please contact Ina Olohan at [ina.olohan@gmail.com](mailto:ina.olohan@gmail.com)

**PUBLIC ROSARY** - on 29th July at 4pm at Our Lady's statue, Headfort Place, Kells.

**BENEFIT CONCERT** - with Chloe Agnew, Dermot Kiernan and special guests. Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Sunday 30th July. Concert commences at 8pm. Tickets €20. Proceeds to Andrew Brennan's Fight Against Motor Neuron Disease (see [www.andrewsfightagainstmnd.com](http://www.andrewsfightagainstmnd.com) to read Andrew's story).

**FREE BASIC INTERNET CLASSES**: Free five-week basic laptop, iPhone, iPad, Smartphone or tablet classes available in all areas - Meath Partnership. Please phone Angela for more information on 0469280790.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** - The annual Mass and Blessing of Graves at Cruicetown Cemetery will be held at 5pm on Sunday 30th July 2017. It is held every year as part of Cemetery Sunday ceremonies in Nobber. The Mass and Blessing of Graves at the new cemetery in Nobber takes place at 3pm and devotions and Blessing of Graves at St. John's Old cemetery in the village will take place at 4pm.

**COISTE CULTHURTHA NA MÍ (MEATH CLG)** - will hold Campa Samhraidh Ghaelach i halla Bhaile Ghib for all children aged 5-13 years from 14th to 18th August, 9.30am - 2.30pm. €50 per child. Activities will include sports, art, baking, drama, céilí dancing & fun team games. Camp will be conducted trí Ghaeilge, all levels of Irish will be catered for. The camp will conclude with a trip to Causey Farm. Contact Cathal (0857686459) for further information.



**PARISH VISITATION**  
During the coming weeks, Fr. John will call to the people in Grand Priory whom he hasn't already visited while Fr. Liam will continue to visit the people in the Cloisters.



Handball €700;  
Kilmainham €10800;  
Drumbaragh €7300;  
Gaeil Colmcille €7650

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Missalettes Kells €1737 Girley €240  
Weekly envelopes Kells €1567 Girley €178  
ANNUAL DUES: - We thank the residents and collector for their time  
& generosity - Church View (Sheila Yore)