



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



**SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018**

Priest on Duty – Fr. John Phone: 9240213.



**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.



**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’*

**Lives saved by the Eighth Amendment:-** It is easy to overlook the positive effect of the Eighth Amendment. An independent report in 2016, *The 8th Amendment: Ireland’s Life-Saving Provision* by actuary Brendan Lynch, estimates that at least 100,000 people are alive in Ireland today thanks to this constitutional provision. It gives people time to think the decision through and choose life for their son or daughter.

**Ireland’s safety record for pregnant women:** - A report published by the World Health Organisation, *Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2015*, ranks Ireland as a world leader when it comes to safety for pregnant women. Globally, we have one of the lowest maternal mortality rates. Ireland’s culture of life has served us well and is an inspiration to many other countries. We have shown it is possible to uphold the equal right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies and still be a world leader in maternal healthcare.

**Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick:-** “I appreciate that engaging in any conversation around the upcoming referendum is not easy for people but the Gospel and my conscience convince me that I am obliged to speak. It really is important for us to affirm that what is in the womb are babies that are just not born yet. **They are not potential persons but persons with potential.** They are developing humans. I invite you to be missionaries for the cause of life. It is a noble cause to uphold the sacredness of human life”.

**FAMILY PRAYER**

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness of every human life from conception to natural death. Amen

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



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

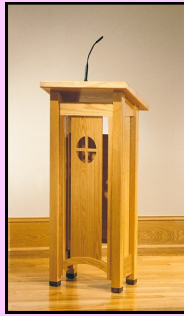
The third annual collection in aid of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place in this parish next weekend, 3rd and 4th of March.

**FIRST FRIDAY WEEK**

Fri: 7.45am & 9.30am Mass. Sat 10th March Padre Pio Mass



Handball €1400; Kilmainham €3400;  
Drumbaragh €10200; Gaeil Colmcille €12000



**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH (weekend Masses)**

Sat 6.30pm — Aidan Wall; Pauline Cusack  
Sun 9.00am — John Griffin; Mary Flood  
11.00am — Claudine Duffy; Áine Farrelly  
12.15pm — John Murphy; Patricia Meehan

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH (weekday Masses 9.30am)**

Jimmy O'Brien (5-10 Mar), Eileen O'Reilly (12-17 Mar),  
Val Mulvany (19-24 Mar), Geraldine O'Dea (26-31 Mar)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH (weekday Masses 7.45am)**

Nora Reilly (26 Feb - 2 Mar), Mary Flood (5-9 Mar), Martin Arrigan (12-16 Mar),  
Mary Connelly (19-23 Mar), Nora Reilly (26-28 Mar)

**Recently Departed**

David Geraghty, Watford, England & late of St. Colmcille's Villas; Georgina Kerrigan, Headfort Park.

**Mass Intentions for Week - Kells**

Sat (Feb 24)	6.30pm	-	Anniv - John Martin, Magdalene Crt also James & Chrissie Martin and Kevin & Maureen Rice
		-	5th Ann - Mary Forde, Drumbaragh
		-	4th Ann - Christina Geraghty, Rosmeen
Sun (Feb 25)	9.00am	-	1st Ann - May King, Rosmeen
	11.00am	-	1st Ann - Padraig Quigley, Birmingham, late St Brigid's Tee
	12.15pm	-	MM - Noeleen Olohan, Market St
Thur (Mar 1)	7.45am	-	Anniv - Tom & Mary Healy, Kilmainham
	9.30am	-	MM - Geraldine Czarkowski, New Jersey & late of Dublin
Sat (Mar 3)	11.00am	-	CONFIRMATION
	6.30pm	-	1st Ann - Nan Anikey née Rourke, Sussex
		-	Anniv - Margaret Newman, Johnsbrook
		-	2nd Ann - Keith Smith, Balrathboyne
Sun (Mar 4)	9.00am	-	MM - Tony Friary, Loyd
	11.00am	-	1st Ann - Maureen Cole, Moynalty Rd
	12.15pm	-	MM - Stephen Keaveny, Oldcastle Rd



**Mass Intentions for Week - Girley**

Sun (Feb 25)	10.00am	-	Anniv - Bill & Brenda Burke, Drewstown Little
		-	Anniv - Marie, Nancy & Pat Bradley, Fordstown

**Anniversary Masses**

Eugene & Julia Mulvany, St. Colmcille's Villas; 70th Anniv - William Healy, Carrick St; Julia & Matthew Rourke, Maudlin Rd; Jim, Bridget & Andrew Brooks, Febog; Richard & Bridget Drew; Mary & Edward Sheridan, Church View; Mary Sheridan, Church Lane; Mai Newman, Kilmainham; Pat & Julieann Cheevers, Circular Rd; Annie Dunne, Cross St.



**KELLS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Bereavement meeting in Parish Hall on first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is Thurs 1st March at 8pm. Anyone experiencing grief or loss of any kind is welcome.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday 1st March at 5.30pm in the Parochial House

**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.

**COLLECTIONS**

Offertory/missalettes Kells €2188 Girley €271  
Weekly envelopes Kells €1533 Girley €158

**KELLS WHIST CLUB** - will resume in the Parish Hall on Tues 27th Feb at 8.15pm. Refreshments served, new members welcome.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL KELLS** - BINGO every Friday night in the theatre at 8.30pm.

**KELLS ARTS CLUB LECTURES** - on "The Story of Art" continue next Monday, Feb 26th and March 5th, 12th & 26th with Dr. Liam McNiffe. Bookmarket Café 7.30pm sharp. Lectures €5 each on the night.

**WISH DAY FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018** - Volunteers needed for Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual fundraising day. If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling bands, please visit [www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie) to register online at one of the collection points. Alternatively, contact Emma Horgan on 012052011 for more details.

**GALA FASHION SHOW** - in aid of O'Carolan College School Community in Headfort Arms Hotel on Thurs 8th March - doors opening at 7pm for pre-shopping. For more info - contact Mary on 0877976482.

**IRISH CANCER SOCIETY - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** required in the Louth, Cavan, Monaghan and Meath areas to drive patients to and from their treatments. Drivers use their own cars but all expenses are paid. Contact Gail on 012310566.