



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



**SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017**

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



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**



**Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway.**

**Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held next week (1st & 2nd April).**

**Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.**



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

**Our new artwork depicts the biblical account of Creation, capturing some aspects of the wonder of God’s creation: emptiness, darkness, light, vegetation and life.**



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**‘In the beginning God created the heavens and earth.**

**God said ‘Let there be light’,**

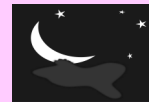
**God separated the light from the darkness.**

**The earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind.**

**God created every creature with which the waters swarm.**

**‘Let birds fly above the earth’.**

**Everything He made was very good.**



**TROCAIRE 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**



**The richest 20% of Hondurans receive two-thirds of the national income. Inequality is the biggest characteristic of poverty in Central America and Hondurans struggle even more due to environmental and political challenges. Extreme weather events have made the water supply unreliable for farming and the result is that 60% of people suffer from hunger and malnutrition. We are familiar with the lines in today’s gospel: ‘I am the light of the world’ and ‘I was blind but now I see’. We truly need to open our eyes to the realities of climate injustice and the impact that the lifestyles of western countries are having on the world’s poorest people.**

**POPE FRANCIS’ WORDS**



**Do you want to fast this Lent?.....**

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**

**Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**

**Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**

**Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**

**Fast from worries and trust in God.**

**Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**

**Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**

**Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.**

**Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**

**Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**

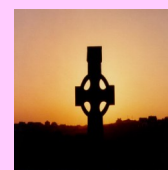
**Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**

**Recently Departed**

John Hyland, Fordstown; Bernadette Byrne, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath;  
Marie Broughan née Ryan, Monkstown and late of Farrell St, Kells

**Mass Intentions for Week - Kells**

Sat (Mar 25)	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, Grangegodden & late of Manchester
	12.15pm	- MM - Joe Hannon, Commons of Loyd
Wed (Mar 29)	9.30am	- Deceased members of the Rogers family, late of St Brigid's Tce, UK & USA
Thurs (Mar 30)	9.30am	- Anniv - Eva & Sean Connell, late of Canon St & Dublin
Sat (Apr 1)	6.30pm	- 3rd Ann - Josie Reddy, Bective St - 2nd Ann - Annie Sherriff, Árd na Gréine - 12th Ann - Malcolm Tanner, Birmingham
Sun (Apr 2)	11.00am	- MM - Bernard Bell, Cherryhill



**Mass Intentions for Week - Girley**

Sun (Mar 26)	10.00am	- 3rd Ann - Alice Clarke, Garristown
Sun (Apr 2)	10.00am	- 4th Ann - Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown

**Anniversary Masses**

Dermot, Jim & Sheila Grimes, Church View; Rose Lynch, Grangegodden;  
Elizabeth & Pat Fox, Rodstown; Michael Black, Carrick St.

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

Sat	6.30pm	— Marie Gibney, Seamus Keaveny
Sun	9.00am	— Elizabeth Smyth, Nicola Gillespie
	11.00am	— Maureen Burke, Barry O'Donovan
	12.15pm	— Brian O'Neill, Anne Byrne

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

Geraldine O'Dea (3-8 Apr), Jane Smith (10-15 Apr),  
Nora Reilly (17-22 Apr 10am), Ann Moore (24-29 Apr)



**DO THIS IN MEMORY PARENTS COMMITTEE**  
Meeting on Friday 31st March in Parochial House at 8pm.

**KELLS ALPS** - Tuesday 28th March in Adult Education Centre, Bective St. Talk on home security and road safety with Sgt. Dean Kearns and Michael Finnegan. All welcome.

**GAEL COLMCILLE G.F.C.** - Dog Show in Gaelic Centre on Sat 1st April at 1pm. Entry €10 per dog. Prize for best dog. Table Quiz in Gaelic Centre later that night at 8.30pm in aid of Gaelic Colmcille Lipsync. Table of 4 - cost €40. Refreshments served.

**KELLS COMMUNITY GAMES** - Training for Kells Area Athletic Finals every Monday at 5.30pm in Rockfield. All welcome. Information from Marion 0863767913 or Peter 0872497834.

**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.

**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.....

**COLLECTIONS**

Offertory/missalettes Kells €1999 Girley €429  
Weekly envelopes Kells €1532 Girley €84  
We thank all who contribute and all who pay by Standing Order.



Handball €4500;  
Kilmainham €9100;  
Drumbaragh €5600;  
Gaelic Colmcille €5100