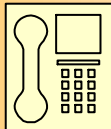




**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY**



Sunday 10th January 2021



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COVID-19 CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

Kells Parish has implemented the following changes in response to Government guidelines:-

- (1) All public Masses are suspended until further notice.
Mon—Fri mass returns to the 9:30am time (with just readers present) and 10am on Sat.
These Masses will be available live on the webcam.
- (2) Weekend Masses: there will be 'live' Masses on the webcam at 6.30pm (Vigil - Sat) and 11am (Sun).
- (3) Church will be open during the day and people are encouraged to come and pray privately.
- (4) Bulletins will be available in the Post Office.

PARISH OFFICE - OPENING HOURS - COVID RESTRICTIONS

**From Jan 5th 2021, the Parish Office will open from
Tuesday to Friday - 10am - 1pm
Phone & Email queries we can deal with outside these hours.
Please stay at home for now to help keep yourself and everyone else safe.**

FUNERAL - CURRENT RESTRICTIONS - ONLY 10 ALLOWED

While appreciating that these new restrictions allowing only 10 at a funeral will be especially difficult for families when death happens, the onus lies on us all to adhere to the guidelines. This will be very awkward to manage for any family and for churches. The priest will work directly with the family around the delicacy while we still adhere to the above number. Beyond the immediate circle we hope everyone else will respect the priority of family only.

Beyond gatherings in the church those sympathising need to keep an appropriate space and respectful distance with the bereaved.

PARISH ENVELOPES

Because of Covid and concern for everyone's health and well being we have had to amend the delivery system for the current year. Most envelopes have already been delivered and the remaining few due to be completed over the next few days.

Thank you for your patience and your support.

COLLECTIONS

Christmas Season Plate Collection: Kells & Girley: €1,860
Weekly Envelopes over Christmas season: Kells & Girley €6,015

We wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have sent in their weekly envelopes and all those who continue to pay by standing order.

LOTTOS

Kilmainham - €3,900

Gaeil Colmcille - €11,550

Recently Departed

Margaret (Peggy) Rourke (nee Cuddy), Maudlin Road
Monica Poleon (nee Carroll), Lighttown, Drumbaragh
Christy Carberry, Pepperstown



Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jan 9) 6.30pm - 6th Ann - John McGuinness, Drewstown Little
- 7th Ann - Noel Smith & Dec'd members of the Smith Family, Suffolk St
- 1st Ann - Anne Lynch, St. Columba Terrace
- 10th Ann - Margaret Sherry, Rosmean
- Anniv - Jim Shankey, Gardenrath Close
- Anniv - Michael & Maureen Byrne, Drumbaragh

Sun (Jan 10) 11.00am - MM - John McNulty, Headfort Demense
- 1st Ann - Jane Barrett, Canon St

Mon (Jan 11) 9.30am - Frank & Julia Farrelly, St. Bridget Terrace & All dec'd family

Wed (Jan 13) 9.30am - 4th Ann - Thomas Morgan

Thur (Jan 14) 9.30am - 5th Ann - Joan Fitzsimons, Coolrona

Fri (Jan 15) 9.30am - 7th Ann - Tony Lynch, Trim

Sat (Jan 16) 10.00am - Anniv - Patrick O'Neill, Headfort Woods
- 3rd Ann - Stephen Keaveny, Oldcastle Road
- Patricia Conaty (nee Tierney)

Anniversary Masses:

Weekend of 3rd January: Paddy & Betty Duff, Headfort Road
Rose & Michael Skelly, Climber Hill
Joe & Jane Browne, Maudlin Street
Thomas & Eileen Gavigan, Farrell St

Weekend of 10th January: William & Catherine Doherty, Nobber

My Christmas Story by A Grumpy Donkey

Hee haw, hee haw, doesn't anybody care?
There's a baby in my dinner and it's just not fair!
Jesus in a manger, lying in the hay;
He's far too young to realise he's getting in the way.

It's not the baby's fault. The parents are to blame.
To let him stay on my fresh hay! It really is a shame.
I can cope with back-ache and four tired feet.
All I ask is some respect and one square meal to eat.

The shepherds came this morning bringing lambs and sheep;
If they're not gone by sundown we won't get a wink of sleep.
There are camels coming too, with wise men from afar
Looking down their noses just because they saw a star!

What of my long journey, carrying my load!
Did I once ever complain of potholes in the road?
'Be prepared I told them. 'Better plan ahead.'
But Joseph said 'We'll manage' and took a chance instead.

'There is no room ' the keeper said, 'at the inn today.'
But there's a stable for the donkey; and there's loads of hay.'

They took over my stable. It has put me in a mood.

I can cope with many things **but not a baby in my food!**

Then Mary says to Joseph to hold the lantern high;
The baby blinks and looks around... O please don't let him cry!
Then he reaches out a tiny hand and looks at me a while,
I say 'hee haw' and am amazed and touched to see him smile.

He's so tiny and so fragile but when he smiles at me,
I think how wonderful it is that I am here to see the beauty of this holy night and my heart begins to soar.
I gaze on him and suddenly I'm not hungry any more.

It dawns on me that I am blessed; the privilege is mine!
At times I'm mean and grumpy, yet it is God's design to let me give a resting place to His beloved Son; to make space in my stable for the Holy One.

I hear the angels saying this is a special birth.
They're praising God and singing that peace has come on earth.
I know the truth for I have seen all that has come to pass. And the GOOD NEWS is GOD LOVES ME!
... even though I am an ass.