



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



SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020

Priest on Duty: Fr John – Phone: 046/9240213 & 046/9240842

Times of Weekend Masses:- Sat: Vigil 6.30pm; Sun: 9am & 11.30am; Girley: Sun - 10am



**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH**

Today, Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we welcome to the 11.30am Mass of Thanksgiving the families whose babies were baptised during the year. We pray that the parents will find joy in the love, growth and holiness of their children.



The Parish Community appreciates the work being done in the Parish by the Pre-Baptismal Team under the leadership of Sr. Genevieve.

Baptism is the sacrament which initiates a person into the Christian Community, making them children of God and members of the local parish. In it we celebrate God's love for us and are affirmed as followers of Christ. Baptism is the Church's sacrament of welcome and the gateway to all the other sacraments. The central role in passing on faith belongs to parents/guardians. It is they who will be the role models of faith for their children. It is in the home that children need to learn and experience trust, love, faith, hope and commitment in order for their faith to grow.



PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Next week-end at Masses we will be praying with the young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The young people will offer a short ritual on the theme of 'Fan the Flame' at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th January at 6.30pm.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020 - 18th-25th JANUARY

Theme: 'They Showed Us Unusual Kindness' (cf Acts 28:2)

The theme chosen for 2020, 'they showed us unusual kindness' finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (27:18-28-10). The scriptural reference is focused on the shipwreck of St. Paul believed to have occurred off Malta. The theme stresses the unusual kindness given to St. Paul, something that must be seen in the quest for Christian unity. Through unusual kindness towards one another, Christians are drawn closer together, heeding the prayer of Jesus, 'that they all may be one'. There must also be an awareness of the need for hospitality to the many migrants and refugees who today embark on journeys as dangerous as that of St. Paul.



NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into the Christian Community:



Éabha Maureen Barrett
Mia Ann Brady
Troy Michael Curran
Katie Elizabeth Fagan
Harlow Ruby McGeough
Jaxon Daniel Newman
Éanna Joseph Shine
Denis Svecko

- Cherryhill Court, Kells
- Ruislip, London A
- Cherryhill Court, Kells
- Headfort Demesne, Kells
- Semaphore Park, Australia
- Gardenrath, Kells
- Tobair Bán, Kells
- Crossakiel, Kells



THANK YOU AND WELCOME

After years of faithful service, Francis McGovern has retired as Assistant Sacristan. The Parish Community thanks Francis for his work and friendship. We welcome Tommy Carry as the new Assistant Sacristan.

Recently Departed

Eamon Mangan, Rugby, England late of Delvin; Sr. Josephine Fogarty, Convent of Mercy, Kells.

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jan 11)	6.30pm	-2nd Ann - Noeleen Olohan, Market St -Anniv - Noel Waters, Dulane -2nd Ann - Audrey O'Reilly, Headfort Rd -4th Ann - Joan Fitzsimons, Coolronan, Ballivor
Sun (Jan 12)	11.30am	-MM - Bridie Kellett, Maudlin St
Wed (Jan 15)	9.30am	-Anniv - PJ Cole, Moynalty Rd
Sat (Jan 18)	10.00am	-2nd Ann - Stephen Keaveny, Oldcastle Rd -Anniv - Patrick O'Neill, Headfort Woods -3rd Ann - Tommy Morgan, Kilmainham
	6.30pm	-10th Ann - Kay McCafferty, Hermitage Glen -5th Ann - Christy Lynch, Johnsbrook -6th Ann - Patrick Fitzsimons & Deceased members of Fitzsimons family -3rd Ann - Emma & Daniel O'Keefe, Nobber, late of Kilmainham

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Jan 12) 10.00am -Anniv - Tony Woods, Drewstown

Anniversary Masses:

Tony Lynch, Trim; Jim Shankey, Gardenrath Close; Paul Carry, St. Patrick's Terrace; Kathryn O'Hara Heath, Grangegodden; James & Cecelia Yore, late of Church St & Carnaross; 50th Ann - Pat Quigley, St. Brigids Tce & Deceased members of the Quigley family.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory/misallettes: Kells €1565 Girley €180;

Weekly envelopes: Kells €2098 Girley €47

We thank all those who contribute, collect and count.

ANNUAL DUES:- We thank the residents and collector for their generosity and time - Headfort Road (Kay O'hAodha)

Gaeil Colmcille: €12,000

Handball: €500

Kilmainham: €6,700

Drumbaragh: €4,300



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY KELLS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all those people who contributed so generously to their recent appeal. The church gate collections at Kells and Girley came to €9403. This money will be used in vital work to help those less well off in our community.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting on Friday 17th January at 8pm in the Parochial House



KELLS ALPS - Tues 14th Jan 10.30am-12.30pm. Adult Education Centre, Bective St. A morning of relaxation with Geraldine. All welcome.

KELLS ACTIVE RETIREMENT - re-starts in the Parish Hall on Wed 15th Jan from 2.30-4.30pm. All welcome.

CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTION - in aid of St. Ciarán's Community School Zambia Immersion Programme. All unwanted clothing, linens and footwear will be collected on Jan 18th from 12 noon in designated estates in the town of Kells. Flyers will be delivered door to door with more details. Contact 0879960968 or 0872073335

DANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE - Social Dancing commencing in Girley Hall - Tues 14th Jan 8-10pm. Suitable for all levels as dances will be taught to newcomers. €10 PAYG.

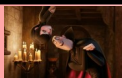
HINTERLAND LECTURE SERIES - Meath Library Service in association with Hinterland Festival presents 'A Short History of Crime Fiction' with Myles Dungan. Over 4 weeks - Tuesdays Jan 21st & 28th; Feb 4th & 11th. In Kells Library at 7pm. Free admission but booking is essential. Email: heather@hinterland.ie or phone 0894369868.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION 2020 - this Sunday, Jan 12th. Weigh-ins from 10.15 - 11am in Girley Hall, Fordstown. This programme is open to all ages and there will be children's classes too - they will run at the same time as the adult ones. As part of Operation Transformation, dance classes with Dance Mania will be held in Girley Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays 7.30-8pm.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & DRUG AWARENESS TALKS - Headfort Arms Hotel on Thurs 16th Jan at 8pm. Speakers include: An Garda Síochána, Drug & Addiction Counsellors and Mental Health Advocates. All welcome.

ZUMBA CLASSES - in the Crea Centre, Drumbaragh, every Monday starting from 13th Jan at 10am. €10 PAYG.

TALK & INFORMATION EVENING ON THE HOLY LAND - Headfort Arms Hotel on Tues 14th Jan at 7.30pm. Fr. Mark English will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 1st June 2020 for 8 nights. Everyone welcome. Book with Navan Travel on 0469068600 or info@travalue.ie



KELLS MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It's Pantomime time again in Kells. Kells Musical and Dramatic Society presents their 44th hilariously funny spooktacular pantomime, 'Hotel Transylvania' from Fri 7th Feb to Sun 16th Feb over two weekends in Kells Theatre. Book online at gr8events.ie Theatre Booking office open from Mon 20th Jan daily from 10am to 6pm in the theatre, phone 0877660079. Phone bookings by Laser/Credit card or call in and book. A great family adventure with the best of local talent. Special family tickets available.

