



CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY
Kells Pastoral Area with Parishes of Kells, Carnaross, Kilskyre & Moynalty

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026

Masses Kells - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 9.30am & 12noon
Girley - Sunday 10.30am

Weekdays - 10am Confessions after the 10am on Saturdays

Priests of the Parish: Fr. Mark English PP, Fr. Declan Kelly CC & Fr. John Byrne AP

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**ENCYCLICAL LETTER MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

The spirituality I wish to commend is that of the “wise architect” who, driven by hope for the Kingdom of God, is committed to building the world for the common good (cf. 1 Cor 3:10). As I mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, the task of building in our time must place our relationship with God at its center. Our rule must be the acceptance of human limitations as a natural and positive reality, and should be characterized by shared responsibility and a language characterized by the Gospel. At the end of this reflection, the plan for a civilization of love can be seen more clearly, and the construction site appears to be already up and running, thanks especially to the many living stones solidly united to Christ the cornerstone (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-6). In this task, we are called to assume an active role, without taking refuge in spiritual sentimentality or retreating into our own little worlds. We must be faithful to the truth, invest in education, cultivate relationships and love justice and peace. Let us remain faithful to the truth! Living amid incessant flows of information, opinions and images, we know how easy it can be to influence decisions and preferences through increasingly sophisticated algorithms. In this context, it is imperative to cultivate hearts that love the truth, prefer what is right despite the most appealing content and pursue wisdom rather than immediate results. We must always keep before us the truth about God and humanity, just as Christ has revealed them to us. We must lay aside an individualistic and technical view of humanity, as if reality were mere matter to be shaped according to selfish interests, whether individual or collective. Instead, let us cultivate what Pope Francis called a “situated anthropocentrism,” which recognizes the human being as a creature embedded in a network of relationships with other living beings and with all of creation. Fidelity to the truth requires integrating the possibilities offered by technology within a framework marked by wisdom, which is capable of safeguarding both the dignity of each person and the future of our common home.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 26TH JULY 2026 This is the fifth year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. Think of how your family might mark this special occasion! As grandparents and grandchildren enjoy their summer holidays, savouring the precious gift of life and love shared together let us come before God giving thanks with a small gesture of faith, hope and love. Every Friday for the summer grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren living close by or staying for sleep overs or on holidays, to the morning 10:00am Mass in our parish. Frs. Mark, Declan & John will focus upon this sacred bond between the generations. See www.catholicgrandparents.org



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:
Tommy Denis Farnan, Poppy Marie O’Sullivan Hogg & Jordan James Whelan

CEMETERY SUNDAY DATES 2026



SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST
11.00AM St. Colmcille's Cemetery, Kells & **1.00 PM** St John’s Cemetery, Kells

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST
AFTER 10AM MASS St. Raed’s Cemetery, Girley

Recently Decensed

Catherine (Kay) Rourke, Maudlin Road; Kathleen Cooper, Drumbaragh
Mary Dalton, Termon Hall; Anna Mary Corry (née Fitzpatrick), UK & Leitrim;
Thomas Brian O'Malley, Beech Lawn

Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Jul 11) 6.30pm - Gerry O'Reilly, Maghera, Virginia (MM)
- Mary (Toss) Rourke;
Also Michael (Speedy), Rory & baby Michael Rourke
- Ciara Fox, Blackthorn Close
- Matthew Reilly, Ard na Greine
- Sun (Jul 12) 9.30am - Kevin & Nancy Smyth
- Lena Galloghly, Camlough, Armagh
- Anne Farrelly, Kilmainham
- 12.00pm - Cella Cummins, Suffolk St (1st Ann)
- John Tallon, Headfort Grove (1st Ann)
- Dylan Corcoran, Blackthorn Close
- Joe O'Rorke & dec'd mems O'Rorke Family, Castle St
- Mon (Jul 13) 10.00am -
- Tues (Jul 14) 10.00am -
- Wed (Jul 15) 10.00am -
- Thurs (Jul 16) 10.00am -
- Fri (Jul 17) 10.00am -
- Sat (Jul 18) 10.00am ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
- 6.30pm - Jane Smith, Fr McCullen Pk (1st Ann)
- Maisie O'Sullivan Kehoe
- George & Shirley Wheeler, Maple Drive
- Sun (Jul 19) 9.30am -
- 12.00pm - Catherine Lynch, Magdalene Court (1st Ann)
- Ita Luddy, Kenlis Cst
- John Brady, Newrath View
- John & Kathleen Mulvany, Cavan Rd

Mass Intentions for Girley

- Sun (Jun 19) 10.30am - Seamus Farnan
- Jimmy & Willie Devine, Chamberlainstown

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: KNOCK takes place on Sun 9th Aug. Anyone interested in going can book their free seat on the Parish Bus, please contact Emma in Kells Parish Office on 046-9240213 or email: info@kellsparish.ie. The bus will be leaving Kells Church at 8am. **PADUA & ASSISI** Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year, Bishop Deenihan will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi leaving on 26 Sept for 5 nights. Includes direct flights to/from Italy, transfers and tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel Tel: 01 2410800 Email: info@joewalshstours.ie. **LOURDES** - The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th Sept 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further info Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstours.ie.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: KELLS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Guided garden tour to Pathana Gardens, Wicklow & June Blake's Garden, Wicklow on Wed 22 July next. Coach leaves Kells at 8.30am sharp. Non members welcome. Bookings with Mary McG 087 9755495 / Violet McC 0876560909. **SAMARITANS** Church Gate Collection next weekend (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116 123. **PRO-LIFE GROUP** There will be prayers offered for the unborn at Cannon St, 11am - 12 noon on Sat 18th July. Please join us as a witness for unborn babies.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €1720 Weekly Env: €1680 Offerings: €20

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Peter Pence collection recently which totalled €2,696
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

If you wish to contribute by online banking our details are: Kells Church; IE17BOFI90344525066479