



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



SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 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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IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 "Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

(Ezek 47:9,12) This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Join us at the picnic area by the River Blackwater on the Carnaross Road for a *Season of Creation Prayer Service* on Saturday 19th September at 2pm.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 It is important that those families seeking the gift of these sacraments take time and make effort in preparing their children by participating in the Parish Masses and other pastoral activities provided throughout the pastoral year leading up to the celebration of the sacraments. The sacraments are much more than just a one day event or party but an ongoing encounter with the Risen Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the merciful love of Our Heavenly Father. We implore the

guidance and intercession of Our Lady, St. Joseph and all the Saints as we journey together as a Faith Community at home, at church and at school. Confirmation will be on 26th February 2027 and First Holy Communion on 24th April 2027. Enrolment Forms will be sent out next week and to be returned at Mass on the Enrolment weekend of 3rd / 4th October.



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL, KOREA (27th July - 10th Aug. 2027) The Diocese of Meath invite young people (aged 19-35) to join with us for this gathering of young Catholics with Pope Leo! It is a long journey but one which will be extraordinary, as we share the joy of the Gospel in the Far East where many missionaries from Ireland have served and given their lives in the name of Jesus Christ! Our Days will include places the Columban Society of Dalgan Park, Navan are associated with. Only a limited number of seats available;

anyone or parishes interested in joining with us for this world event are encouraged to book now! Cost €2,750 approx. (any reduction depending on flight availability yet to be confirmed). All expenses included. To find out more please check out the QR code, see posters in your parish church or email: meathyouth@gmail.com. You are welcome to a Get2gether on Sunday 4th October at 3pm in St. Anne's Resource Centre on the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 W0YX.



Recently Decensed

Agnes Hughes (née McPartland), Cavan Rd, Kells

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Sept 12)	6.30pm	- Claire McGovern, Circular Rd (1st Ann); Also Willie & Rose McGovern - Ronnie McManus, Dun Laoghaire & Kells - Paraic Cole
Sun (Sept 13)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- Pat, Mary & Patsy Jackson, Hurdlestown; Also Phyllis Flanagan (née Jackson) & Mary Coleman (née Jackson) - Nelly & Terry Murphy, Cavan Rd
Mon (Sept 14)	10.00am	-
Tues (Sept 15)	10.00am	- Pranciskus Simenas
Wed (Sept 16)	10.00am	- Margaret Ward
Thurs (Sept 17)	10.00am	- James & Ellen Smyth
Fri (Sept 18)	10.00am	-
Sat (Sept 19)	10.00am	ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
	6.30pm	- Jimmy Rogers, Suffolk St - Frances O'Higgins; Also Michéal, Jean, Harry & Joan Campbell
Sun (Sept 20)	9.30am	- Eileen Drew
	12.00pm	- Kieran Flanagan, Oldcastle Rd - Rose Curran, Cavan Rd; Also Paddy Curran

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Sept 13)	10.30am	- Joe & Eileen Fox, Girley; Also dec'd mems Fox & Mulvany Families
Sun (Sept 20)	10.30am	-

PARISH VISITATION

During the coming weeks Fr. John will visit the people in the new homes in Maudlin St.



Featuring popular ballads, songs of hope & heritage. Concert will take place on **Fri 2nd Oct 2026 @ 8:30pm** in **St. Colmille's Church, Kells**. Tickets €30 available from Kells Parish Office, online via [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) and in the church after 12pm mass this Sunday. **Tickets are limited, get yours now!!**

Proceeds in aid of Blackwater Community First Responders & supporting the appeal for The Chapel in Dibor, Christ the King of Peace Parish, Joypurhat Diocese, Bangladesh.



COMMUNITY NOTICES: COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY TRANSPORT on Sat 26th Sept from 9am to 6pm at the home of Mary Fox - 31 Headfort Grove, Kells, A82 C1P3. All welcome.

DAY TRIP TO LOUGH DERG on Sun 20 Sept. For more info / booking please phone 0879881780.

ESENT OPEN PUBLIC MEETING on Tues 15 Sept at 7.30pm. Join us to learn and discuss information about the local Tailings Facility on your doorstep in Randalstown, the proposed new Tailings Facility in Sillogue/Simonstown and the actual and potential impacts on our communities and our environment. It will help if you can register: Text Mairéad 0876889822. **KELLS LIVELY CITIZENS CLUB** Trip to Cork on 14 - 17 Sept. Bus leaving Fair Green Kells at 10am.

KELLS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY visit to Poppy gardens guided tour Oldcastle and Loughcrew Gardens on Wed 16 Sept. Coach leaves Kells 9.30 sharp. Non members welcome. Early booking with Mary McG 0879755495 Or Violet McC 0876560909. **KITTEN COTTAGE BRIC-A-BRAC POP-UP SHOP** on Sat 19 Sept, 10am - 1pm in Oldcastle Masonic Hall, A82 PC85. Cakes, clothes, plants, handbags, shoes, jewellery, toys & more! All welcome. For more info phone 0877676714. **PRO-LIFE GROUP** There will be prayers offered for the unborn at Cannon St. 11a.m - 12 noon on Sat 19th Sept. Please join us as a witness for unborn babies.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €1871 Weekly Env: €1306 Offerings: €20

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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