



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS  
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY  
SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025**



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

**Weekdays - 10am *Confessions after the 10am on Saturdays***

**Baptisms - Sundays after 12pm Mass in Kells and after 10.30am Mass in Girley**

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

**Parish Secretary Emma Woods**

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**ADVENT**

Halfway on our Advent journey we mark Gaudete Sunday, *Joyful Sunday*, as the anticipation for the celebration of Our Saviour's Birthday gathers! Filled with the joy of Jesus Christ always being with us, let us count our blessing and appreciate the merciful love of God in our lives, our families & our Faith Community. Come and invite others you love as family and friends to celebrate the forgiveness of God, letting go of stuff which burdens us or weighs us down. This Penitential ceremony is our confession of the Faith, Hope and Love we wish everyone to know; to be healed and restored in our relationship with God and one another.

***Join us this Monday 15th at 7pm to celebrate what Christ offers  
unconditionally to you and me and all people!***

**14TH DEC. - GAUDETE SUNDAY:**

Blessing of the crib figure of the baby Jesus at Masses *today*

**15TH DEC. - HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS**

St. Colmcille's Church, Kells

7-8pm

**21ST DEC. - CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT** St. Colmcille's, Kells 6:30pm

Join with us for Christmas Carols, prayer and reflection.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** St. Colmcille's Church, Kells:

5:30pm & 8.30pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Girley: 7.00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY** St. Colmcille's Church, Kells:

9.30am; 12.00pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Girley: 10.30am

**THANK YOU AND GOODBYE!**

Dear Parishioners, as you may or may not be aware, I am retiring from the position of Parish Secretary this December after twelve years. Throughout those twelve years I got to know a lot of parishioners really well. I greatly enjoyed working in a community-based role which was so different from my previous job. I will miss the many interactions I've had with people who called to the parish office on a daily basis to book weddings, baptisms and anniversary Masses etc. It also saddens me to think of all those we have lost during that time. Within two years of starting my role as Parish Secretary I had my own personal bereavement. The parishioners of Kells and Girley rallied around me and my family and continue to do so, for which I will be forever grateful. As part of my job I met people who had also suffered huge losses but who showed great faith and inner strength and I hope I was of some little help to them. We are very lucky to have such loyal and generous parishioners and I want to thank each and every one for their support and kindness to me. I have every confidence that this support will continue into the future for Kells and Girley parish. Julie Flattergy

### Recently Deceased

Noel Finegan, Cortown;

Joseph Reilly, Ratoath & formerly of Rathkenny

#### Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Dec 13)	6.30pm	- Pat Berrill
Sun (Dec 14)	9.30am	- John McNulty
	12.00pm	- John Doyle, Climber Hall (1st Ann) - Mary Shortiss, Headfort Grove (1st Ann); Also Patrick Shortiss - Maura Reddy, Cavan Rd - Liam Hegarty, Philadelphia - Sam Black, Kilmainham
Mon (Dec 15)	10.00am	- Robert Cole, Moynalty Rd - Pranciskus Simenas
	7.00pm	- ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thur (Dec 18)	10.00am	- John Lawrence
Fri (Dec 19)	10.00am	- Catherine & William Doherty, Nobber & Deceased members of Doherty family
Sat (Dec 20)	6.30pm	- John & Teresa Caffrey, Fr MacCullen Pk - Peter & Kitty Nelson - Rosie Hand, North Lodge also Benny & Matt Hand - Sean Farrelly, Beechlawn - Dec'd mems Morris family
Sun (Dec 21)	9.30am	- Dec'd members of Tevlin family, Headfort Place - David Drew, Mill Lane
	12.00pm	- Dec'd members of Smyth & Earley families - Maura Murtagh, Headfort Park - Nancy & Aidan Kearney also Kathleen Smith - Dec'd members of O'Brien and O'Neill families - Niamh Pike, Brisbane

#### Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Dec 14)	10.30am	- Missa Pro Populo
Sun (Dec 21)	10.30am	- Missa Pro Populo

**#HAVEYOURSAY ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL** For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - [gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey)

**COMMUNITY NOTES: KELLS SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** Hosted by the Knights of Columbanus. You are invited to a Christmas Dinner in the Headfort Arms Hotel on Sun 4th Jan 2026 @ 1pm. Kells Silver Band & entertainment. RSVP Michael 0872224724 or Paddy 0879144936. **ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH CAROL SERVICE** is on Sun Dec 14 @ 4.00pm. All welcome. **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS ANNUAL VARIETY CONCERT** - Venue: Kilskyre Hall; Date: Wed Dec 17th; Time: 8pm. Admission at door €10. **LIVING WELL PROGRAMME** Living Well is a FREE 6 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions. Spaces available in Kells Family Resource Centre - starts Thurs 22nd Jan 2026 from 1.30pm-4pm. To book contact Aine on 0416850676/0871140371 or Elaine 0416860710/0874308735.



**PARISH ENVELOPES 2026** Envelope boxes will be left on tables in the room at the front porch of the church, organised in alphabetical order, for parishioners to collect.

Please only collect your own box due to GDPR.

If anyone wishes to register for a box, please contact the parish office.

#### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €1681 Offerings: €150 Weekly Env: €1379  
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

Kilmainham €3,400 Handball €300  
Gaeil Colmcille €1,500  
Drumbaragh €10,200

