



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

**SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 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**

**Parish Secretary: Emma Woods Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 10am - 3pm**

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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**

**REMAINING HUMAN**

“In the recent Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, we walked as pilgrims of hope and were blessed with many graces. Strengthened by these gifts, we can move forward with confidence to face the arduous tasks and demanding challenges that lie ahead. In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates.

I address this heartfelt appeal to all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to all men and women of goodwill. Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the “construction site” of our time. Like Nehemiah, let us pray, plan wisely and work perseveringly, placing God at the forefront of our actions and the human person at the center of our choices. Thus, the “rejected stones” — the poor, the sick, the migrants and the least among us — will become the cornerstone, and a solid, welcoming common home will emerge on the earth, where love and faithfulness will finally meet, and righteousness and peace will embrace (cf. Ps 85:10). This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel. We are to be servants of the coming Kingdom, instead of lords of towers destined for ruin. With the heart of a shepherd and a father, I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.” To read the full document visit [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)



**DIOCESAN CHANGES 2026** This week Bishop Tom has published online and in the local papers his announcement of the following clerical changes which will take effect on Friday 10th July: Fr. Paddy Kearney, Parish Priest of Kilskyre has retired. Fr Seamus Mulvaney, Parish Priest of Tubberclair (Glasson) to retire. Fr Declan Smith, Parish Priest of Taghmon to be Parish Priest of Kilskyre. Fr. Phil Gaffney, Administrator, Mullingar to be Administrator of Taghmon, in addition. Fr. Barry Condrón, Parish Priest of Castletown-Geoghegan and Tyrrellspass to be Parish Priest of Tubberclair. Fr. Robert McCabe, Curate, Navan to be Parish Priest of Castletown-Geoghegan and Tyrrellspass. Fr Norman Allred, Curate, Mullingar to be Curate, Taghmon Fr. Marcin Pietras, Polish Chaplaincy to be Curate Mullingar, in addition. Fr. Andrei Stolnicu, Curate, Mullingar to return to Diocese of Iasi, Romania on completion of term. Fr Iulian-Robert Gherghel, Diocese of Iasi, Romania to be Curate Mullingar.

### Recently Decensed

Seán Fox, Rodstown, Balrath; Gerry (Sean) O'Reilly, Maghera, Virginia;  
Francis Griffin, Switzerland & formerly Birmingham & Kells; Con Sullivan, Moynalty Rd

#### Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jun 13)	6.30pm	- Dec'd mems Tormay Family, Maudlin St
Sun (Jun 14)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- May Barrett, Moynalty Rd (MM) - Declan Black, Kilmainham (1st Ann) - Bobby (James) Farrell, Oldcastle Rd (1st Ann) - James (Jimmy) Morris, Carra House
Mon (Jun 15)	10.00am	-
Tues (Jun 16)	10.00am	- Marguerite Connolly
Wed (Jun 17)	10.00am	-
Thurs (Jun 18)	10.00am	-
Fri (Jun 19)	10.00am	-
Sat (Jun 20)	10.00am	ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
	6.30pm	- Kieran Fox, Headfort Grove (MM) - Rose West (née Balfe), Oldcastle & Manchester - Eileen O'Rourke, O'Growney Tce
Sun (Jun 21)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	-

#### Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Jun 14)	10.30am	- Bertie, Josephine and Bernie Faulkner & dec'd mems Faulkner family Also Peter and Alice Clarke
Sun (Jun 21)	10.30am	- Paddy & Breda Clarke, Moyaugher



**MASS FOR THE SICK** will be celebrated on Saturday 27th June 10am in St. Colmcille's. Please save the date and make preliminary arrangements for bringing your family members or neighbours who are housebound and unable to frequently attend Mass. Anyone who is burdened by illness or old age is welcome to join with us for this Mass during which the laying on of hands and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated with the sacred Oil of the Sick blessed by Bishop Tom at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral.

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO 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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). More detailed day-to-day itinerary is available on [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way)

**COMMUNITY NOTICES: KELLS ARTS CLUB BLOOMSDAY CELEBRATION** Tues 16th Jun. Meet at Parnell Garden at 10.30am. Delicious Joycean breakfast 11am in Bookmarket Café. Period Dress if desired. All welcome. Booking advised. 15 euros. (non-members 18 euros). **KELLS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** Garden Guided tour to Lough Rinn Castle Gardens, Mohill, Leitrim and Strokestown House Roscommon gardens and House on Wedn 24th Jun next. Coach leaves Kells at 8:30am sharp. Booking with Mary McG 087 9755495 or Violet McC 087 6560909. Non members welcome. **DAD'S CYCLE FOR CHARITY FASHION POP UP SHOP** With all fabulous high end garments available to purchase on the day on 27th Jun, 11am - 4pm in O'Connor's Bar (downstairs). 2 Brew Coffee will be there on the day with refreshments. All proceeds to Dad's Cycle for Charity. **BLACKWATER COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS** is host a Sepsis Awareness Evening on Wed, 17 Jun in Headfort Arms Hotel featuring a presentation from North East Sepsis Awareness and also speaker Sophie, a remarkable 15-year-old sepsis survivor who lost her limbs. This event will provide vital information to help people identify the symptoms of sepsis and understand when urgent medical attention is needed. One evening of learning could one day save a life. Admission free.

#### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €1777 Weekly Env: €900 Offerings: €1680

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