



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY
SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026**



**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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LENT 2026 let us be courageous witnesses to the example of Jesus by imitating His wilderness or desert experience which he undertook before he began the three years of his public mission which ultimately led him to Jerusalem and his Passion, Death and Resurrection! As he prayed, we pray; as he fasted, we fast, as he gave of himself and took on the Gospel mission, we give of our charity and take on renewed Christian purpose! Set aside an extra bit of time for prayer, daily Mass, or charity work. Maybe set up a sacred

space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we traditionally give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Social Media time as a way of fasting for Lent! As Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible every Wednesday, you might consider this for Lent!

Make time with everyone at home to pray the Rosary for peace in our troubled world. Visit the church for quiet time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Consider attending daily Mass.

Open the Bible for Gospel reflection.

Make the Stations of the Cross on Fridays or whenever suits.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions after 10am Mass on Saturday mornings.

Invite a relative or friend who hasn't been for a while to come with you to Mass.

Invite your spouse or family or even a friend to join with you in doing these Lenten suggestions.

Whatever crosses you may be carrying, please come and place your pain or burden or affliction or addiction before Jesus, as we make this journey of Lent 2026.

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. www.trocaire.org

Blessed ashes will be available on Ash Wednesday in all our churches. If you are unable to attend Mass try to visit a church during the day; pray before the Cross as we begin the journey of Lent, seeking the merciful love of God

Special invitation for young people (16-21) age to gather on Fridays for the Stations of the Cross at 6pm in St. Colmcille's and to join Fr. Mark for some Faith Discussion afterwards.

Kells Pastoral Area. As well as Fr. Declan taking on extra pastoral responsibilities with Kilskyre Parish, over the next couple of months Fr. Mark will assist with the pastoral ministry for Moynalty Parish along with Fr. Declan and Fr. John helping out with the weekday Masses, funerals etc. Fr. Anthony Kerr will celebrate the weekend Masses. Please pray for us priests as we strive to serve the Faith Community as best we can. Together as priests and People of God in our various parishes let us trust in the merciful love of God the Father and share the Gospel Mission of Christ the Son with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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Paraic Charles, New York & formerly Kells; Ciaran McAllister, St. Brigid's Tce

Mass Intentions for Kells

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| Sat (Feb 14) | 6.30pm | - Denis Breen, Cork (1st Ann) - Natalie Bennett, Stonebridge - John Martin, Magdalene Court; Also James & Samantha Martin; Chrissy Rice & Dec'd Family - Tommy & Winifred Rowntree, Kilmainham; Mary Fitzsimons, Navan |
| Sun (Feb 15) | 9.30am | - Oliver Usher, Scurlogstown - Kitty McEntee, Newmarket St - Pranciskus Simenas |
| | 12.00pm | - Rose Yore, Rockfield (MM) - Martin Luddy, Kenlis Crescent - Thomas Flanagan, Oldcastle Rd - Philip O'Connor, Townparks Manor |

After Mass on Tuesday we invite parishioners to the Headfort Arms Hotel for a cuppa & pancakes

Ash Wednesday Masses 8am, 10am & 6pm

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| Thur (Feb 19) | 8.00am | <i>Mass for Lent</i> |
| Fri (Feb 20) | 10.00am 6pm | - Alan McGovern, Carrick St - Stations of the Cross |
| Sat (Feb 21) | 10.00am | - <i>Anniversaries Occurring</i> <i>Confessions from 11-12noon for the Confirmation Candidates and their families.</i> |
| | 6.30pm | - Mary Fox, Church St (1st Ann) - Ann McGovern, Cavan Rd - Patrick Fitzsimons, St. Patrick's Tce; Dec'd mems Fitzsimons Family |
| Sun (Feb 22) | 9.30am | - Jimmy & Alice Doyle, Cross St - Billy Dolan, Blackwater Heights |
| | 12.00pm | - Jim Kiernan, Headfort Woods (MM) - Dean Wearan, Magdalene Court (1st Ann) - Charlene Campbell, Newrath View - Paul Brady, Rosmeen |

Mass Intentions for Girley

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| Sun (Feb 22) | 10.30am | - Mary Clarke, Navan |
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COMMUNITY NOTES: IT'S PANTOMIME TIME AGAIN KELLS MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS THEIR 49TH HILARIOUSLY FUNNY PANTOMIME, PINOCCHIO. TICKETS LEFT FOR TONIGHT'S SHOW SAT 14TH AT 7.30PM BUT SUNDAY MATINEE TOMORROW SUNDAY 15TH IS SOLD OUT. 087 7101671.



KELLS PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME COMMEMORATING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS' DEATH "May the Lord give you peace". We would be delighted to have you join with us 2nd - 7th June 2026 as we pray, reflect and celebrate together this exceptional Saint of Peace who continues to inspire us as the People of God; custodians of creation! An opportunity to experience the town of St. Francis, St. Claire, and the shrine of St. Carlo Acutis. The short stay in Rome enables us visit the grave of Pope Francis, have Mass in the Vatican and attend the Sunday Angelus with Pope Leo. For more details see posters in the church porches or contact the Parish Office. To book please tel:

012410800 or www.joewalshtours.ie

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

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