



CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY



SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020

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IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

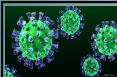
“As people of faith we are called to face the fears of this moment with a courage not our own and with a generous heart. God is with his people in good times and bad...At this time our first concern has to be for the elderly, the ill and those with underlying medical conditions. As bishops we present the following directions in the light of current public health authority advice in Ireland, north and south, aware that these might have to change at very short notice. While acknowledging that the following directives will involve sacrifice for all, we encourage a positive engagement in order that the most vulnerable amongst us can be protected and so that the coronavirus can be contained.”

- (1) All public Masses are suspended until March 29th.
- (2) Fr. John and Fr. Sebi will celebrate Mass (with just readers present) at 9.30am (Mon-Fri), 10am (Sat) and these Masses will be available on the webcam.
- (3) Weekend Masses: there will be ‘live’ Masses on the webcam at 6.30pm (Vigil, Saturday) and 11.30am (Sunday)
- (4) Funeral Masses will be for immediate family only (up to 100 people)
- (5) Church will be open during the day and people are encouraged to come and pray privately.
- (6) The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be discontinued.
- (7) Baptisms will continue as normal with only the immediate family in attendance.
- (8) Frs. John and Sebi will be available at all times to parishioners.

This is an occasion for all of us - especially in families - to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines - especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy - that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Reviewing this information

We ask everyone to continue to follow the guidance of the public health authorities north and south. As the situation evolves, Church-specific information will be updated and published on local diocesan websites and on related digital media platforms.”



A Prayer in the time of the Coronavirus



Almighty and all-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

Recently Departed

Paddy Murtagh, Headfort Park; Henry Horan, Essex, late of Fyanstown

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Mar 14)	6.30pm	-Anniv - Patrick & Joan McLoughlin, Tullamore -3rd Ann - Jack Murphy, Headfort Place -3rd Ann - Maureen Cole, Moynalty Rd -MM - Samantha Martin, Kent
Sun (Mar 15)	11.30am	-1st Ann - Annie Donohoe, O'Growney Tee also John Donohoe
Mon (Mar 16)	9.30am	-Anniv - Kathleen, James & Eamon Grace, Maudlin Rd
Tue (Mar 17)	11.30am	-Bridie Felicite, née Smith, Yorkshire & late of Loyd - Funeral in England
Sat (Mar 21)	10.00am	-7th Ann - Patrick & Patricia Bennett, Maudlin St -4th Ann - Anna Sweeney, Headfort Place also Michael Sweeney
	6.30pm	-Anniv - John Furlong, Kilmainham -3rd Ann - Christina Butler, Rockfield Rd -6th Ann - Sean Flanagan, Rockfield Rd -4th Ann - Tommy Grimes, Fr MacCullen Pk



Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Mar 15)	10.00am	-Anniv - Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown
Sun (Mar 22)	10.00am	-3rd Ann - John Hyland, Fordstown

Anniversary Masses:

Gertie Burke, St. Brigid's Tee; Michael Dunne, Cross St; Owen Farrelly, Grangegodden;
Mary Sheridan, Church Lane; Mai Newman, Kilmainham; Pat & Julieann Cheevers, Circular Rd;
Edward Farrell, Ballinamona; Thomas & Mary Carberry, Pepperstown.



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN



During Lent 2020 we tell the stories of Madris in Kenya and Angela in Honduras as a way to celebrate the strength of women all over the world who are overcoming the odds to protect and provide for their children.

Madris is a farmer and mother of six living in Kenya. When Trócaire met her she was living on the edge, struggling to survive after two seasons of failed rains. As climate change exacerbates the situation for farmers in Kenya, Madris manages to support her children and persevere in the face of mounting daily challenges. Madris walks around the dusty brown patch of land beside her small home. There are no crops visible, just a few scraggy bushes. 'I feel very bad when the rains don't come because all my plants depend on rainfall', she says. Madris receives support from Trócaire's local partner, Ishiara Parish. She has received chickens and has been taught new methods of eco-friendly farming, how to harvest rainwater and how to prevent livestock diseases. She has been supported to join a savings and loans group, which enables her to receive additional income during the dry months and to get support and help from other women.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory/missalettes: Kells €1273

Girley €257;

Weekly envelopes: Kells €1554

Girley €123

Thank you to all those who contribute,
collect & count.

Gaël Colmcille: €12,000

Handball: € 900

Kilmainham: € 1,300

Drumbaragh: € 5,200



GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

God of mercy and compassion

Look with pity upon me;

Father, let me call thee Father,

For I now return to thee.

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy

Let me not implore in vain;

All my sins I now reject them,

Never will I sin again.

By my sins I have abandoned

Right and claim to heaven above,

Where the saints rejoice for ever

In a boundless sea of love.