



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



**SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 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**

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**“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” Eph 4:4**

“In a world with diverse and often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that all believers are part of the “one body” of Christ. This unity is not about uniformity but a common commitment to the core truths of the Christian faith. It serves as a powerful witness to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit when Christians of varied backgrounds come together with a shared goal and vision with authenticity and sincerity”. *Dicastry for Promoting Christian Unity*



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026  
18TH TO THE 24TH JANUARY 2026**

*Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness* “Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.” Pope Francis on St. Carlo Acutis

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. This year’s theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

**PRAYER OF POPE LEO XIV FOR THE YEAR OF GRACE COMMEMORATING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.**

Saint Francis, our brother,  
you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,  
intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,  
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding,  
give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers:  
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

**CEMETERY SUNDAY DATES 2026**

**Sunday 16th August**

**St. Colmcille's Cemetery, Kells & St John's Cemetery, Kells**

**Sunday 23rd August**

**St. Raed's Cemetery, Girley**

**Recently Deceased**

Rose Yore, Rockfield Rd

**Mass Intentions for Kells**

Sat (Jan 17)	6.30pm	- Daphne Smyth, Kells (1st Ann); also Keith Smyth, Balrathboyne - Stephen Keaveny - Margaret & Patsy Curran, St. Colmcille Villas; Philomena Keating, Headfort Grove & Dec'd mems McPartland Family, St. Colmcille Villas - Phyllis McConnell & dec'd mems McConnell & Kavanagh Families
Sun (Jan 18)	9.30am	- Brigid & Kody Flanagan - Paul Carry, Maudlin Rd - Sr. Bernadette O'Reilly - John & Mary Casserly; Also Catherine, Liz, John & Ellen O'Hara
	12.00pm	- Sean Whelan, Cherryhill Green (MM) - Philip Heary, Cherryhill Rd - Patrick Lynch, Manchester & O'Growney Tee - Christopher Lynch - Philomena Keating
Mon (Jan 19)	10.00am	- PJ Cole
Tues (Jan 20)	10.00am	- Jack & Therese Murphy
Wed (Jan 21)	10.00am	- Billy Mallon & Michael Moran
Fri (Jan 23)	10.00am	- Dominic Murphy - Mary & Bernard Caffrey; Also Benny & May Caffrey, Suffolk St
Sat (Jan 24)	10.00am	<i>ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING</i>
	6.30pm	- <i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sun (Jan 25)	9.30am	- Kay McCafferty, Hermitage Glen - Bridget Conaty, Birmingham - Jenny Kerr, Grand Priory - Mary Rogers
	12.00pm	- Anne Lee, Suffolk St - Joe Higgins, Gardenrath Close - Ann Cheevers, Circular Rd - Joseph Dunne, Cross St

**Mass Intentions for Girley**

Sun (Jan 18)	10.30am	- <i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sun (Jan 25)	10.30am	- Sheila Doran (MM); Also Sean Doran

**COMMUNITY NOTES: EPILEPSY IRELAND ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.**

**KELLS MEALS ON WHEELS** WISH TO THANK ALL WHO DONATED SO GENEROUSLY TO OUR ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION AND OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.

**IT'S PANTOMIME TIME AGAIN** KELLS MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS THEIR 49TH HILARIOUSLY FUNNY PANTOMIME PINOCCHIO FROM THURS 5TH FEB – SUN 15TH FEB OVER TWO WEEKENDS IN KELLS THEATRE. THEATRE BOOKING OFFICE OPEN FROM MON 26TH BY PHONE ONLY DAILY FROM 11AM TO 5PM 087 7101671. YOU CAN BOOK NOW OR EMAIL KELLSTHEATRE@GMAIL.COM. PHONE BOOKINGS BY LASER/ CREDIT CARD ETC. A GREAT FAMILY ADVENTURE WITH THE BEST OF LOCAL TALENT. SPECIAL FAMILY TICKET! FIND US ON FACEBOOK. SEE POSTERS AND FLIERS FOR MORE DETAILS. SEE YOU THERE!

**BLACKWATER CFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, IN EUREKA HOUSE ON WED 21ST JAN AT 7.30PM. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VALUABLE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE GROUP AND TO MEET THE TEAM. WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. IF EMERGENCY RESPONDING ISN'T FOR YOU, DON'T WORRY THERE ARE A VARIETY OF OTHER ROLES WHERE SUPPORT IS GREATLY NEEDED & VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.

**COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)**

Plate: €1816 Offerings: €2230 Weekly Env: €1513

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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