



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



**SUNDAY 19TH JULY 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**

The Blessed Virgin Mary not only teaches us to recognize God's invisible work, but also directs our gaze to "the points at which humanity is broken and the world becomes distorted: the contrast between the humble and the powerful, the poor and the rich, the satiated and the hungry," teaching us "to look at the world from a lower position: through the eyes of those who suffer rather than the mighty; to view history through the eyes of the little ones, rather than through the perspective of the powerful; to interpret the events of history from the viewpoint of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the fugitive." The Blessed Virgin thus becomes "poet and prophetess of Redemption," because on her lips is proclaimed "the strongest and most innovative hymn ever articulated, the Magnificat; it is she who reveals the transformative vision of the Christian economy, the historical and social result that still draws its origin and strength from Christianity." With the same faith as Mary, let us become "weavers of hope" in our world, sharing who we are and what we have, so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilization of love in our lives. Indeed, the Lord continues to make all things new and offers every era the possibility of becoming part of salvation history in the light of the Incarnation. I entrust our desire to the Mother of Christ, to the Woman of the Magnificat, that she may guide our steps through this time of change and preserve in each of us true faith in the Gospel, so that we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made his dwelling.

**THE IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY: WHAT IS "THE SYNOD"?** When people mention "the Synod" in the Catholic Church today, it refers to a multi-year global initiative launched by Pope Francis in 2021 called the "Synod on Synodality". In 2025 Pope Leo XIV stated, on the day he was elected, "We want to be a synodal Church". The purpose of the Irish Synodal Pathway is not to rewrite church teaching; rather it is to discover together what God is asking of the Church in Ireland at this time, and make progress towards fulfilling that. Over the next six weeks, the Meath Diocesan Synod Team will offer this series in your parish bulletin designed to strip away the complex jargon and explain key aspects of this journey in our diocese, as we prepare for the historic National Synodal Assembly this October. Read more: [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod)



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 26TH JULY 2026** This is the fifth year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. Think of how your family might mark this special occasion! As grandparents and grandchildren enjoy their summer holidays, savouring the precious gift of life and love shared together let us come before God giving thanks with a small gesture of faith, hope and love. Every Friday for the summer grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren living close by or staying for sleep overs or on holidays, to the morning 10:00am Mass in our parish. Frs. Mark, Declan & John will focus upon this sacred bond between the generations. See [www.catholicgrandparents.org](http://www.catholicgrandparents.org)



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:**  
**Charlie Kevin King & Róisín Susan McCaffrey**

### Recently Decensed

Fr. Tony Gavin, former PP of Tubber/Rosemount; Michael Quigley, Leeds, UK;  
Ann Keane (née Brady), Birmingham, UK & formerly Rosmeen

#### Mass Intentions for Kells

|                |         |                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Sat (Jul 18)   | 6.30pm  | - Jane Smith, Fr McCullen Pk (1st Ann)<br>- Maisie O'Sullivan Kehoe<br>- George & Shirley Wheeler, Maple Drive                                               |
| Sun (Jul 19)   | 9.30am  | -                                                                                                                                                            |
|                | 12.00pm | - Catherine Lynch, Magdalene Court (1st Ann)<br>- Ita Luddy, Kenlis Cst<br>- John Brady, Newrath View<br>- John & Kathleen Mulvany, Cavan Rd                 |
| Mon (Jul 20)   | 10.00am | -                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tues (Jul 21)  | 10.00am | - Oliver Brady, UK                                                                                                                                           |
| Wed (Jul 22)   | 10.00am | -                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thurs (Jul 23) | 10.00am | - Paddy Duff, Headfort Rd;<br>Also Betty Duff & dec'd mems Duff & Sheridan Families<br>- Fiona Carolan, Dublin                                               |
| Fri (Jul 24)   | 10.00am | -                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sat (Jul 25)   | 10.00am | ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING                                                                                                                                      |
|                | 6.30pm  | - Anthony Sheridan, O'Growney Tce (1st Ann) & Dec'd mems Sheridan Family                                                                                     |
| Sun (Jul 26)   | 9.30am  | - Bernard Flanagan, Oliver Plunkett Rd (1st Ann)<br>- Mary Maguire & dec'd mems Maguire & Cooney Families                                                    |
|                | 12.00pm | - Raymund Bergin, Hermitage Glen (1st Ann)<br>- Jimmy Black, Fr McCullen Pk (1st Ann)<br>- Michael Mongey, O'Growney Tce<br>- Christopher Carry, Springville |

#### Mass Intentions for Girley

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| Sun (Jun 19) | 10.30am | - Seamus Farnan<br>- Jimmy & Willie Devine, Chamberlainstown<br>- Joseph Kelly & dec'd mems Kelly Family, Ethelstown |
| Sun (Jun 26) | 10.30am | - Frank & Kitty Tully, Clonleason                                                                                    |

### CEMETERY SUNDAY DATES 2026



**SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST**

**11.00AM** St. Colmcille's Cemetery, Kells & **1.00 PM** St John's Cemetery, Kells

**SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST AFTER 10:30AM MASS** St. Raed's Cemetery, Girley

**MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER** If anyone wishes to contribute their music or singing talents over these weeks of the summer, we would be delighted to have your assistance. If interested please contact Fr. Mark or Emma in the Parish Office.

**SOMETHING TO CONSIDER** In celebrating the Sacred Liturgies of the Church various vessels, vestments, liturgical books etc. are used. Symbols and ritual blend with our prayer and worship as Faith Community before God. Often parishioners like to dedicate a contribution to these vestments etc. in thanksgiving or in memory of deceased family. If a parishioner so wishes at anytime to do this, such a contribution would be much appreciated.

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: KNOCK** takes place on Sun 9th Aug. Anyone interested in going can book their seat on the Parish Bus, please contact Emma in Kells Parish Office. The bus will be leaving Kells Church at 8am. **LOURDES** - The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th Sept 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES: Kells & District Horticultural Society** Guided garden tour to Pathana Gardens & June Blake's Garden, Wicklow on Wed 22 July next. Coach leaves Kells at 8.30am sharp. Non members welcome. Bookings with Mary McG 0879755495/Violet 0876560909. **Kells Active Retirement** Trip to Athlone 30th Aug for 3 nights staying in the Sheraton Hotel. Sharing €305, inc Breakfast & 3 Course Dinner, Singles are €450. Option of a trip on the Shannon Refreshments plus Bar €28. All welcome. If interested call Rose 0866054811.

### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

**Plate Collection : €1707 Weekly Env: €1290 Offerings: €150**

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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