



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



SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 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

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LENT 2026 ‘As Jesus 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!’ Each day of Lent is a renewal of our Christ-like commitment. Celebrating the Holy Spirit given to us all in Baptism and Confirmation continuously lead us into discerning this commitment through God’s grace and mercy. Let us ponder a quote from Baptised and Sent at www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-in-lent/

Anointed by God’s Spirit All four gospels record that Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, making it one of the most historically certain events in the life of Jesus. John preached a baptism for the forgiveness of sins as he gathered a community to await the coming Messiah. In the fullness of time Jesus, the Sinless One, went down into the waters of the Jordan in solidarity with sinful men and women, “to fulfil all righteousness” (Matt 3:15) and was baptised by John. The Synoptic Gospels describe the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father that declared “You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” Emerging from the waters of the baptismal font, every Christian hears again that voice that was once heard on the banks of the Jordan. From this comes the reassurance that one has become a child of adoption (cf. Gal 4:4-7) and a brother or sister of Christ. Baptism is not a rite of passage into a privileged club. It is the sacrament by which believers, bathed in living water, enter the Spirit-filled community that seeks to manifest the reign of God the Father as Jesus did. **Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. www.trocaire.org.**



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Congratulations to all the candidates who celebrated their Confirmation Day in St. Colmcille’s Church last Thursday. May they, with their families support, continue to grow in the Faith and bear witness to the ways of Christ Jesus, with the inexhaustible grace of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all who so kindly helped prepare the church with the cleaning, flower arrangements and sacristan duties. Thanks also to the principals, teachers and staff for their huge support instructing the candidates; we extend our gratitude to all in our parish.



**VOCATIONS
 HOLY HOUR**

A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. This Diocesan event will take place in St Colmcille's Church next Friday 6th March 7pm-8pm. For those from here and around the diocese who feel called to be a Priest of Jesus Christ please come along to this special event. Here we will reflect on Christ as Son, Servant and Priest. For more information please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Tony Gonoude Tel: 044-9373923 Email: vocations@dioceseofmeath.ie www.meathvocations.com Facebook: DioceseOfMeathVocations Instagram Account: dioceseofmeathvocations



First Friday It is custom for priests to visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion in every parish for the First Friday. It also provides an opportunity for the reception of the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. If you or a neighbour, relative or friend can no longer attend Mass due to sickness or old age please don’t hesitate to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for the priests to call.

Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Feb 28) 6.30pm - Sheila Morris, Bective St (1st Ann)
- Larry Rogers, Blackwater Heights
- Shirley Wheeler, Maple Drive, Gardenrath
- Maria Brady, Church View
- Sun (Mar 1) 9.30am - Tom & Mary Healy; Also Josie & Jimmie Butler
- Mary McMahan, Headfort Demense
- 12.00pm - Michael Flanagan, Carrick St (1st Ann)
- Paul Hetheron, Balrath Rd
- Eileen & Frank Farrell, Townspark, Kells
- Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly
- Tues (Mar 3) 8.00am - Eileen Doyle, Dublin
- 10.00am - Pat Flanagan; Also Tommy, Lily & Ellen Flanagan, Cavan Rd
- Wed (Mar 4) 10.00am - Shirley & George Wheeler
- Maureen Denehan (née McManus)
- 6.00pm MASS FOR LENT
- Thur (Mar 5) 8.00am MASS FOR LENT
- 10.00am - *Missa Pro Populo*
- First Fri (Mar 6) 10.00am - Parish List of the Dead
- 6pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- Sat (Mar 7) 10.00am ST. PADRE PIO MASS (*Rosary at 9:30am*)
- 6.30pm - Bridget Smyth, O'Growney Tce
- Seamus Dowd, Tiermurrin Lane
- Margaret Newman, Johnsbrook
- Mary, Jim, Patrick & Eugene Maguire, St. Colmcille's Villas
- Sun (Mar 8) 9.30am - *Missa Pro Populo*
- 12.00pm - Jack Murphy, Headfort Place
- John-Joe Gillic, Bective Sq

Mass Intentions for Girley

- Sun (Mar 8) 10.30am - Matt & Mick Murtagh

COMMUNITY NOTES: BOOK OF MEMORIES CAFÉ THURS 5TH MAR, 12PM - 2PM IN EUREKA HOUSE, KELLS. FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. FREE ADMISSION. TEA & SCONES SERVED. ALL WELCOME. CONTACT NO: 0871469624. **EUREKA SCHOOL TY STUDENTS PRESENT THE WEDDING SINGER** IN THE SOLSTICE ARTS CENTRE, NAVAN WED 4TH TO FRI 6TH MAR @ 7.30PM. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM WWW.SOLSTICEARTSCENTRE.IE

KELLS LIVELY CITIZENS BUS DEPARTURE FOR WEXFORD MON 2ND MAR AT 10AM FROM KELLS GARDA STATION.

IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND CHURCH GATE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (28TH FEB / 1ST MAR). WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY DONATIONS THAT PARISHIONERS ARE ABLE TO MAKE. BY SUPPORTING OUR ORGANISATION, YOU ARE HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES. **FERTILITY CARE CENTRES OF IRELAND** PRESENTS "AN INTRODUCTION TO PERIODS, HORMONES & THE DIGNITY OF WOMANHOOD FOR TEEN GIRLS" ON THURS 12TH MAR AT 7.30PM IN ST ANNE'S RESOURCE CENTRE, NAVAN. A PARENT / GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY GIRLS UNDER 16 YEARS. FOR MORE INFO 085182 0118.



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.joewalshstours.ie

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate: €1934 Offerings: €216 Weekly Env: €1465

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