



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS**  
**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY**  
**SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025**



**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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**LAST WEEK OF ADVENT!** As this Jubilee Year for us Catholics draws to a close, let us remember how at Mass last Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica saying, *"If God can visit us, even when our hearts seem like a lowly manger, we can truly say: Hope is not dead; hope is alive and it embraces our lives forever!"* As Pilgrims of Hope go and invite your families, neighbours and friends to join us at Mass this Christmas, to celebrate the joy of *"the Lord's promise, to be welcomed here and now in our world of suffering and sighs."*



**21ST DEC. CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT St. Colmcille's, Kells 6:30pm**

*Come and enjoy a break from all the rushing around to reflect, pray and ponder the whole reason for this Season with Christmas Carols. Donation if desired for the Christians in the Holy Land*

On Christmas Eve gather the family for prayer at the family crib, then light a candle or use a 'safer battery one' and place it in the window or porch of the house as a sign of welcome to Our Lady & St. Joseph and a symbol of hospitality to those in need in our world of Christmas 2025.



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!** On our Saviour's Birthday let us give thanks to God and count our blessings! Celebrating the joy of this sacred time with our families and friends we are mindful too of those who have to cope with illness or other tough concerns. Our most sincere gratitude to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all the volunteers who so generously contribute to making Christmas a little less stressed and a lot happier for those most in need in our community. We express our thanks also to the many parishioners who assist with the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at the Masses, sharing in the work at the parish office, the parish grounds, the cemeteries and in the parish schools throughout the year. Special greetings to those home for Christmas and to new parishioners spending their first Christmas with us in Kells & Girley. It continues to pain us all to see the terrible scenes of war and destruction in the Holy Land and so many other places around the world. The unimaginable reality which grandparents, parents and children have to face each day is heartbreaking. So as we pray before the Crib at home or in our churches, we think of all who suffer this Christmas and we plead for peace as we mark this birthday of the Prince of Peace! Pray too for our own families and thank God for the blessings, love and peace we enjoy. On this Christmas Day may the Light of Christ light up our lives, illuminate the darkness which prevails in our world and shine the Light of Heaven brightly for all our dead, especially remembering those who have died since our last Christmas. Assuring you all of our prayers and wishing you and your families, much health and happiness as you celebrate our Saviour's birthday. Fr. Mark, Fr. Declan & Fr. John.



### Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Dec 20) 6.30pm - John & Teresa Caffrey, Fr MacCullen Pk  
- Peter & Kitty Nelson  
- Rosie Hand, North Lodge also Benny & Matt Hand  
- Sean Farrelly, Beechlawn  
- Dec'd mems Morris family
- Sun (Dec 21) 9.30am - Dec'd members of Tevlin family, Headfort Place  
- David Drew, Mill Lane
- 12.00pm - Dec'd members of Smyth & Earley families  
- Maura Murtagh, Headfort Park  
- Nancy & Aidan Kearney also Kathleen Smith  
- Dec'd members of O'Brien and O'Neill families  
- Niamh Pike, Brisbane
- Mon (Dec 22) 10.00am - Private Intention
- Tues (Dec 23) 10.00am - Teresa Rogers, Bective St  
- Eileen Donnelly, Farrell St  
- Kathleen Green, Maudlin Rd
- Wed (Dec 24) 10.00am - Gillian Barry  
- Jack Flanagan & Dec'd mems Flanagan Family  
- Annie & Patrick Rourke, Climber Hall & dec'd mems Rourke Family

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

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**St. Colmcille's Church, Kells: 5:30pm & 8.30pm**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Girley: 7.00pm**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

**St. Colmcille's Church, Kells: 9.30am; 12.00pm**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Girley: 10.30am**

- St. Stephen's Day 11am - Christmas Mass Card Intentions
- Sat (Dec 27) 6.30pm - Michael Geraghty & daughter Caroline  
- Dorris Denning  
- John, Claire & Larry Rogers, St. Colmcille Villas
- Sun (Dec 28) 9.30am - Christy Carberry, Pepperstown; Also his brother John  
- Willie Tevlin, Kilmainham  
- Alice Farrelly, Kilmainham  
- Mary Murray, Blackwater Heights
- 12.00pm - Joe Flanagan, Bective St (1st Ann)  
- Liudmila Noreikiene (MM)  
& dec'd mems of Vainauskai & Kvasai Families  
- Paddy Newman, Curragh Farm  
- John Butler, Kilmainham; Also Michael & Vera Butler

### Mass Intentions for Girley

Christmas Day 10.30am - Dec'd mems of the Gillic family, Cloncat

Sun (Dec 28) 10.30am - William McGuinness (1st Ann) also Brendan McGuinness and Amy Quirke.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL offer their appreciation to Fr. Mark, Fr. Declan, Fr. John & the people of Kells for their support & generosity during the year & especially with the recent Christmas Appeal. This support enables us to carry out our work of helping those in need in our community throughout the year. The Church Gate Collection in Kells realized €7497 & Girley € 227. We would also like to wish all our benefactors & those we work with a Happy & Holy Christmas with every blessing for the New Year.



**PARISH ENVELOPES 2026** Envelope are on tables inside front door of the church,  
organised in alphabetical order, for parishioners to collect.

Please only collect your own box due to GDPR.

If anyone wishes to register for a box, please contact the parish office.

### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €1974 Offerings: €155 Weekly Env: €1962  
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

Kilmainham €3,500  
Gaeil Colmcille €1,500  
Drumbaragh €10,200

Handball €400

