



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

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 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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**ENCYCLICAL LETTER MAGNIFICA HUMANITARIAS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

The wisdom of the word of God in dialogue with the human sciences

The Church regards all who sincerely seek “truth, goodness and beauty” as companions on the journey, and considers them as “precious allies” in defending the dignity of every person and in caring for creation. Adopting the pastoral approach of the Second Vatican Council, which invites us to listen, discern and interpret the signs of the times, and enlightened by the wisdom of the word, the Church is not afraid to encounter human knowledge. Indeed, the word of God provides reliable standards for establishing paths of justice and opening ways of reconciliation and peace among peoples. When it comes to applying these standards to the complex situations of our time, the contributions of philosophy and of the human and social sciences is essential. These disciplines help us understand and analyze cultural, economic and political dynamics more deeply. Saint John Paul II recalled that the Church welcomes the contributions of the social sciences in order “to draw from them concrete insights that help her carry out her magisterial office.” A dialogue with such kinds of knowledge does not diminish the power of the Gospel. On the contrary, it makes it possible to identify with greater clarity what genuinely fosters the lives of individuals and communities. Following this perspective, Pope Francis emphasized that when dealing with many specific questions, the Church does not claim to offer “a definitive opinion,” but recognizes the importance of listening to scientific research and of encouraging a serious and honest debate among experts while welcoming a diversity of opinions.



HAPPY FATHER’S DAY to all our Dad’s & Granddads. Abraham was given a child when old, God kept his promise, by the bible we’re told, Abraham obeyed, he offered his son, God spared his life, the test was done. Joseph was given a child as his own, Told by the angel he’d be great when grown, A saviour, a king, to give us true life, Joseph with thanks, took Mary as wife. Be faithful to God, be always true, So God can work great miracles for you, Doing what’s right let’s God give his best, And there will be added, all the rest. “Miracles for Father” by Paul Berchtold.



PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION for the support of Pope Leo XIV’s pastoral activity in Rome and throughout the Universal Church will be taken up at Mass next weekend. This collection especially enables the Pope’s outreach to the poor and most neglected in our world. Please check out www.peterspence.va to learn more about this long held annual collection.



MASS FOR THE SICK will be celebrated next Saturday 27th June 10am in St. Colmcille’s Church. Please make arrangements for bringing your family members or neighbours who are housebound and unable to frequently attend Mass. Anyone who is burdened by illness or old age is welcome to join with us for this Mass during which the laying on of hands and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated with the sacred Oil of the Sick blessed by Bishop Tom at the Chrism Mass.

Recently Decensed

Gerry O'Reilly, USA & formerly of Cortown & Kilskyre; Bryan Doyle, Wicklow & formerly of Kells; Chrissy Mattocks (née Reilly), Devon, UK & formerly Lord Edward St

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jun 20)	6.30pm	- Kieran Fox, Headfort Grove (MM) - Rose West (née Balfe), Oldcastle & Manchester (1st Ann) - Eileen O'Rourke, O'Growney Tce
Sun (Jun 21)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	-
Mon (Jun 22)	10.00am	-
Tues (Jun 23)	10.00am	-
Wed (Jun 24)	10.00am	- James Sherry, Rosmeen
Thurs (Jun 25)	10.00am	-
Fri (Jun 26)	10.00am	- Chrissy Mattocks (née Reilly) Devon, UK & late of Lord Edward St
Sat (Jun 27)	10.00am	MASS FOR THE SICK
	6.30pm	- Frances Brennan; Michael & Anna Sweeney - Philip Heary Snr, Fairgreen
Sun (Jun 28)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- Joe Butler, Moynalty Rd - Louis Cahill, Rockfield Rd - Michael Ryan, Hurdlestown - John O'Sullivan, Mill Lane

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Jun 21)	10.30am	- Paddy & Breda Clarke, Moyaughar
Sun (Jun 28)	10.30am	- Rose Lenehan & dec'd mems Lenehan Family



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:
Sophie Móirín Meehan; Kendra Cheyenne McCartney; Maya Jaracz;
Robert Michael Lang; Darragh Robert Kellett

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 9th August. Anyone interested in going can book their free seat on the Parish Bus, please contact Emma in Kells Parish Office on 046-9240213 or email: info@kellsparish.ie. The bus will be leaving Kells Church at 8.00am.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA & ASSISI Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year, Bishop Deenihan will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi leaving on 26 Sept for 5 nights. Includes direct flights to/from Italy, transfers and tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel Tel: 01 2410800 Email: info@jowalshtours.ie.

Hinterland
FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE AND ARTS - KELLS



We welcome all who visit Kells next week for the Hinterland Festival of Literature & Arts. Please God the sun may shine and everyone has a great time at the various events and attractions. Best wishes to all involved in the organising of this highly regarded festival.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: KELLS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Garden Guided tour to Lough Rinn Castle Gardens, Mohill, Leitrim and Strokestown House Roscommon gardens and House on Wedn 24th Jun next. Coach leaves Kells at 8:30am sharp. Booking with Mary McG 0879755495 or Violet McC 0876560909. Non-members welcome. **DAD'S CYCLE FOR CHARITY FASHION POP UP SHOP** With all fabulous high end garments available to purchase on the day on 27th Jun, 11am - 4pm in O'Connor's Bar.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €2070 Weekly Env: €869 Offerings: €873

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