



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS  
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY  
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 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**

**Parish Secretary: Emma Woods**

**Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 10am - 3pm**

**Parochial House & Parish Office: 046/9240213;**



**LENT 2026 MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV *Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion*** Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of

God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled. For full text see [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

*Special invitation for young people (16-21) age to gather on Fridays for the Stations of the Cross at 6pm in St. Colmcille's and to join Fr. Mark for some Faith Discussion afterwards. A word of thanks to St. Ciaran's 5th Year LCA Students who assisted with the Cross and Lenten display outside St. Colmcille's Church.*

**BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT** is a suite of Lenten resources for use in a personal or parish context. Each week offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from *Baptised and Sent*. Irish Synodal Pathway [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/synod)

*Another guide for Lent might be the Hallow App which has become a popular resource for Catholics [www.try.hallow.com](http://www.try.hallow.com). Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).*



**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** This week in our parish of Kells we have the privilege of welcoming Bishop Tom and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Sacraments in our lives and the occasions of the celebrations are sacred events in the family and our whole faith community: celebrating our relationship with God and the great communion of the saints, in which we the baptised are part of here on earth as we journey towards the promise of Heaven. We so easily take things for granted but let us celebrate with renewed zeal the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire and direct our lives, to protect and bless our families, especially those celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. As we pray for all the Confirmation candidates let us ponder the words of Pope Francis with regard the Sacrament of Confirmation. "When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us, it will be he – Christ himself – who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draws close to the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. That is why it is important that children and young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation".

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH (weekend Masses)**

**Sat 6.30pm: Caitlin Reilly & Maria Monaghan  
Sun 9.30am: Marie Gibney Sun 12.00pm: TBC**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH (10am weekday Masses)**

**Marie Gibney (2-7 Mar); Val Mulvany (9-14 Mar);  
Anne Moore (16-21 Mar); Mary Casey-Kelly (23-28 Mar); Ger O'Dea (30 Mar - 4 Apr)**

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST- MARCH (Weekend Masses) GROUP 3**



### Recently Decensed

Winefride (Winnie) Segrave, Grand Priory, Kells;  
Ollie Brady, UK & formerly Cookstown, Cortown, Kells; Denis O'Donovan, Dublin

### Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Feb 21)	6.30pm	- Mary Fox, Blackwater Heights St (1st Ann) - Ann McGovern, Cavan Rd - Patrick Fitzsimons, St. Patrick's Tce; Dec'd mems Fitzsimons Family
Sun (Feb 22)	9.30am	- Jimmy & Alice Doyle, Cross St - Billy Dolan, Blackwater Heights
	12.00pm	- Jim Kiernan, Headfort Woods (MM) - Dean Wearan, Magdalene Court (1st Ann) - Charlene Campbell, Newrath View - Paul Brady, Rosmeen
Mon (Feb 23)	10.00am	- Tess Reilly, Maudlin Rd - John, Mayphie & Liam Broderick, Maudlin Rd
Tues (Feb 24)	8.00am	MASS FOR LENT
	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
Wed (Feb 25)	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
	6.00pm	MASS FOR LENT <b>GATES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10PM</b>
Thur (Feb 26)	8.00am	MASS FOR LENT ( <i>Please use the outer car park as the inside car park will be closed in preparation for the Confirmation</i> ). <b>NO 10AM TODAY.</b>
	12.00pm	CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
Fri (Feb 27)	10.00am	- Vera & Richard Shortall, Strandhill
	6pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat (Feb 28)	10.00am	- <i>Anniversaries Occurring</i>
	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 McMahon, Headfort Demense
	12.00pm	- Michael Flanagan, Carrick St (1st Ann) - Paul Hetherton, Balrath Rd - Eileen & Frank Farrell, Townspark, Kells - Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly

### Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Feb 22)	10.30am	- Mary Clarke, Navan
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COMMUNITY NOTES: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRI 6TH MAR @ 7:30PM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN HALL, BECTIVE ST. IT IS AN ECUMENICAL GATHERING AND ALL ARE WELCOME.



**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.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie)

### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate: €1732 Offerings: €652 Weekly Env: €1543

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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