



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



SUNDAY 26TH 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

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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY 26TH JULY 2026

This is the sixth year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. Think of how your family might mark this special occasion next week! 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. "Dear brothers and sisters, [] The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas, 239).

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sun 9th Aug. This Pilgrimage will be led by the Bishop of Meath Dr. Thomas Deenihan. The Diocesan Choir will lead the singing. Anyone interested in going can book their seat on the Parish Bus, please contact Emma in Kells Parish Office on 9240213 or email: info@kellsparish.ie. The bus will be leaving Kells Church at 8am. Donations for bus can be dropped into the Parish Office / given on the day.



CEMETERY SUNDAY 2026

Blessing of the graves will take place on Sunday 16th August at 11am in St. Colmcille's Cemetery and at 1pm in St. John's Cemetery. Blessing of the Graves will take place in St. Raed's Cemetery, Girley on Sunday 23rd August after 10:30am Mass. Thanks to you who attend so attentively to your family graves throughout the year. Can you please keep an eye on any unattended graves in the cemeteries as the deceased may no longer have living relatives.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR AUGUST (weekend Masses)

Sat 6.30pm: Ger O'Dea

Sun 9.30am: Mary Connelly Sun 12.00pm: Anne Smyth

MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR AUGUST (10am weekday Masses)

Ann Moore (3-8 Aug); Ann Carolan (10-15 Aug); John Murphy (17-22 Aug);

John Griffin (24-29 Aug); Frances Monaghan (31 Aug - 5 Sept)

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST- AUGUST (Weekend Masses) GROUP 2

Recently Deceased

Brigid (Bridie) Cassidy, Taylor Hall; Anne Keegan (née Tuite), Castletown Geoghan;
Georgina O'Reilly McClafferty, California & formerly Kells

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jul 25)	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) - Mary Maguire & dec'd mems Maguire & Cooney Families - Seamus Reilly
	12.00pm	- Raymund Bergin, Hermitage Glen (1st Ann) - Jimmy Black, Fr McCullen Pk (1st Ann) - Michael Mongey, O'Growney Tce - Christopher Carry, Springville
Mon (Jul 27)	10.00am	-
Tues (Jul 28)	10.00am	-
Wed (Jul 29)	10.00am	- Bernie McGowan, Ballyshannon
Thurs (Jul 30)	10.00am	- Paddy & Eileen McKenna
Fri (Jul 31)	10.00am	-
Sat (Aug 1)	10.00am	SAINT PADRE PIO MASS (Rosary at 9:30am)
	6.30pm	- Joseph Griffin, Westfield (MM) - Albert Rountree, Balrath Rd - Thomas & Annie McKeever, Rosmeen; Dec'd mems McKeever Family
Sun (Aug 2)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- Catherine Rourke, Maudlin Rd (MM) - Joe Murphy, Suffolk St - Clarisse Flanagan, Bective St - Alan Flanagan, Carrick St - Christy Yore, Cross Carrick

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Jun 26)	10.30am	- Frank & Kitty Tully, Clonleason
Sun (Aug 2)	10.30am	- Sheila Murray, Fordstown

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: 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@joewalshtours.ie. **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. For further info Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshtours.ie.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €2068 Weekly Env: €1194 Offerings: €160

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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