



CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY
SUNDAY 28th 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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HAPPY NEW YEAR! *As you ring in the New Year 2026 Fr. Declan, Fr. John and I would like to extend blessings and good wishes to you and your families. Many thanks again to all who have assisted with the Masses for Christmas, in-particular our sacristans, servers, stewards, Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion; to everyone who helped prepare the churches, assisted with the flowers and putting up the crib displays; to the choirs & musicians who enhanced our liturgies in both churches; all the extra effort by so many is greatly appreciated. Concluding this Jubilee Year of our Faith, we look ahead with New Year's resolutions and much expectation as to what 2026 will hold for us, let us do so as Pilgrims of Hope, confidently entrusting all to God under the maternal care of our Heavenly Mother, to whom the first day of the New Year is dedicated. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil with Adoration, Rosary & Benediction
St. Columcille's Church at 6pm

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE Leo XIV FOR THE LIX WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1st JANUARY 2026

Theme: Peace be with you all: Towards an "unarmed and disarming" peace.

"Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognize it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together."

Recently Deceased

Sean Whelan, Cherryhill Green; Joe Murray, Athboy & formerly Kilskyre

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Dec 27)	6.30pm	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> - Michael Geraghty & daughter Caroline - Doris Denning - John, Claire & Larry Rogers, St. Colmcille Villas
Sun (Dec 28)	9.30am	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> - Christy Carberry, Pepperstown; Also his brother John - Willie Tevlin, Kilmainham - Alice Farrelly, Kilmainham - Mary Murray, Blackwater Heights
	12.00pm	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> - 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
Mon (Dec 29)	11am	- Christmas Mass Card Intentions - Cathy Dempsey, Headfort Rd - Tommy, Lily, Pat & Ellen Flanagan, Cavan Rd - Dec'd mems McGovern Family, Carrick St
Tuesday (Dec 30)	11am	- Christmas Mass Card Intentions
New Years Eve	11am 6pm	- Christmas Mass Card Intentions - End of Year Prayer Vigil with Adoration, Rosary & Benediction
New Years Day	11am	- Mary, The Holy Mother of God - <i>World Day of Peace</i>
First Fri (Jan 2)	11am	- Parish List of the Dead
Sat (Jan 3)	10.00am	ST PADRE PIO MASS (<i>Rosary at 10:30am</i>)
	6.30pm	- Annie Smith, Ard na Greine (MM) - Agnes Carolan, Gardenrath - John McGuinness, Drewstown Little, Fordstown - Liam O'Brien, Headfort Pk
Sun (Dec 28)	9.30am	- Peggy Rourke, Maudlin Rd - Dec'd mems Hoey & Tevlin Families, Kilmainham
	12.00pm	- Mary & Eamonn Farrelly; Also Mary O'Boyle, Maudlin Rd - Paddy Curran, Cavan Rd; Also Rose Curran

Mass Intentions for Girley

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

COMMUNITY NOTES: KELS SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY Hosted by the Knights of Columbanus. You are invited to a Christmas Dinner in the Headfort Arms Hotel on Sun 4th Jan 2026 @ 1pm. Kells Silver Band & entertainment. RSVP Michael 0872224724 or Paddy 0879144936.



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 : €2303 Offerings: €330 Weekly Env: €1785
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

A sincere word of thanks for the generous contribution to the Christmas Offerings. This contribution assists with the up-keep and needs throughout the year, including the monthly salary of the priests who serve in the parish. 20% is sent to the Diocesan Office for use to assist priests working elsewhere in the diocese when parochial finances are insufficient to run the parish and also look after the local clergy.