



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

**SUNDAY 28TH 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**

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

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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**

It is the pursuit of the common good that gives life to a people, understood not as a mere collection of individuals, but as a living reality in which people learn to recognize that they themselves are interconnected and jointly responsible for the *res publica*. In this sense, every person contributes to the building up of one's people through "a slow and arduous effort calling for a desire for integration and a willingness to achieve this through the growth of a peaceful and multifaceted culture of encounter." Working together for the common good means having a shared vision. It is clear that there are many ideological and practical differences among people, as well as differing interests and frequent disagreements, but that does not mean it is impossible to engage in dialogue to establish a set of basic agreements that enable the creation of a shared vision, upon which everyone can move forward together.

It is the State's responsibility to ensure cohesion, unity and the proper organization of civil society, so that the common good can be pursued with everyone's contribution. In practical terms, this means that public authorities have the delicate duty to "harmonize the different sectoral interests with the requirements of justice," seeking a balance between individual interests and the common good, without leaving behind the most vulnerable. When politics abandons a long-term perspective and reduces itself to short-term calculations or sterile polarizations, then the language of the common good loses credibility, and, at the same time, social inequalities and divisions grow.



**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 **this weekend**. This collection especially enables the Pope's outreach to the poor and most neglected in our world. Please check out [www.peterspence.va](http://www.peterspence.va) to learn more about this long held annual collection.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS** will have the relic of Saint Oliver Plunkett in Kells Church this weekend at all masses. All are welcome.



**CEMETERY SUNDAY DATES 2026**

**SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST** St. Colmcille's Cemetery, Kells & St John's Cemetery, Kells  
**SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST** St. Raed's Cemetery, Girley



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

**Sat 6.30pm: Val Mulvany**  
**Sun 9.30am: Patrick Duff Sun 12.00pm: Elizabeth Smyth**

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

**Frances Monaghan (29 Jun-4 Jul); Marie Gibney (6-11 Jul); Val Mulvany (13-18 Jun);  
Ger O'Dea (20-25 Jul); Mary Casey-Kelly (27 Jul - 1 Aug)**

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST- JULY (Weekend Masses) GROUP 1**

### Recently Decensed

Margaret Hackney, Solihull, UK; Bob Hodgins, Girley Fordstown  
Olidia Reynolds (née Carolan), Roscommon & formerly Rockfield Rd

#### Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Jun 27)	6.30pm	- Frances Brennan; Michael & Anna Sweeney - Philip Heary Snr, Fairgreen - Kathleen & Paddy Kiernan, Circular Rd
Sun (Jun 28)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- Joe Butler, Moynalty Rd - Louis Cahill, Rockfield Rd - Michael Ryan, Hurdlestown - John O'Sullivan, Mill Lane
Mon (Jun 29)	10.00am	-
Tues (Jun 30)	10.00am	-
Wed (Jul 1)	10.00am	SAINT OLIVER PLUNKETT - Christopher Connolly, Clane (1st Ann)
Thurs (Jul 2)	10.00am	-
First Fri (Jul 3)	10.00am	SAINT THOMAS APOSTLE - Parish List of the Dead
Sat (Jul 4)	10.00am	SAINT PADRE PIO MASS (Rosary at 9:30am)
	6.30pm	- Paddy Grimes, Drumbaragh - Seán Fox, Rodstown, Balrath
Sun (Jul 5)	9.30am	-
	12.00pm	- Sean McConville (1st Ann); Also Johanna McConville - Oliver McQuillan, Headfort Grove - Noel Corrigan, Mountainpole; Also Richard, Eileen & Frank Corrigan

#### Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Jun 28)	10.30am	- Rose Lenehan & dec'd mems Lenehan Family
Sun (Jul 5)	10.30am	-

**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](mailto: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@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). More detailed day-to-day itinerary is available [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way)

**YOUCAT COMPANION STUDY GROUP: WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW YOUR FAITH BETTER?** Learn what Catholics actually believe? Be able to answer those difficult questions about the Catholic faith? Join us each Wedn at 7.30pm beginning with an information night on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Contact [bohermeenyocat@outlook.com](mailto:bohermeenyocat@outlook.com) or 0469073805.



As school closes for the summer holidays we thank all the principals, teachers and staff for their great work with the children and their families this past academic year. May everyone have a great summer at home or away. Placing you all in God's protection and hoping we are blessed with lots more sunshine!



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

**COMMUNITY NOTICES: KELLS LIVELY CITIZENS CLUB** trip to Talbot Hotel, Cork, 14th-17th Sept 2026. 3 nights B&B + Dinner. Double room price €680 (2 people sharing); Single room €535 per person. Price includes entertainment & transport. Deposit €100 per person NON-REFUNDABLE - to be paid on booking. Final payment to be paid by August. Booking at Brian Curran (Castle Elegance) 0868144495. **BOOK OF MEMORIES CAFÉ** Thurs 2nd Jul, 12pm - 2pm in Eureka House, Kells. For people living with dementia, their family and friends. Free admission. Tea & Scones served.

#### COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €1779 Weekly Env: €1354 Offerings: €512

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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