



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY**



SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 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

Parish Secretaries: Emma Woods & Julie Flattery

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ADVENT This weekend the new Liturgical Year of the Church begins, as do our preparations for Christmas. Let us focus more on the gift of faith and less on the gifts we worry and fret about buying! Pause and pray the Angelus, which reminds us of the generous response of Our Lady and our shared role in God's divine plan of love and salvation. Think more of the poverty of the crib and the needs of the poorest in our world this Christmas 2025! At home perhaps engage with your children or grandchildren in preparing an advent wreath or having an advent calendar to count down the days of Advent until it is time to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Let us all think of how we might make these weeks of Advent a fitting spiritual journey in preparation for Christmas.

8TH DEC. - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass: St. Colmcille's Church, Kells	10am
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Girley	7pm

14TH DEC. - GAUDETE SUNDAY: Bring the crib figure of the baby Jesus for blessing at Masses

15TH DEC. - HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

St. Colmcille's Church, Kells	7-8pm
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21ST DEC. - CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT St. Colmcille's, Kells 6:30pm

ALTAR SERVERS CONSENT FORMS are now in the sacristy for collecting. If parents could please complete and return these to the Sacristy / Parish Office at your earliest convenience.



First Friday It is custom for priests to visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion in every parish for the First Friday. It also provides an opportunity for the reception of the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. If you or a neighbour, relative or friend can no longer attend Mass due to sickness or old age please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for the priests to call.

THE SYCAMORE PROGRAMME continues this Monday 1st December at 7:30pm in the Headfort Arms Hotel. This is being provided free. Come and see what it is like. If possible, you might kindly let Kells Parish Office know of your attendance by 2pm Monday 1st December.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM KELLS Special Christmas Cards are available from the Parish Office / Sacristy for €1 per card. Those whom you send these cards to will be included in the Masses offered in the Parish during the Octave of the Christmas Season.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR DECEMBER (weekend Masses)

Sat 6.30pm: Maureen Burke

Sun 9.30am: Anne Byrne Sun 12.00pm: Rebecca & Sophie Williams

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

Mary Casey-Kelly (1-6 Dec); Ger O'Dea (8-13 Dec); Ann Carolan (15-20 Dec);

John Murphy (22-27 Dec); TBC (29 Dec - 3 Jan '26)

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST-DECEMBER (Weekend Masses)

GROUP 3



Recently Decensed

Eamonn Farrelly, San Francisco & late of Maudlin Rd

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Nov 29)	6.30pm	- Eileen McKenna (née McGrane) - Denis McGovern, Cavan Rd - Sylvia Farrelly, Cherryhill - Johnny & Kathleen O'Rourke
Sun (Nov 30)	9.30am	- Missa Pro Populo
	12.00pm	- Geraldine Carry, Fairgreen - Brendan Doyle - Mollie, Jack & David Walsh - John Lawrence
Tues (Dec 2)	10.00am	- Julie & Peter McManus; Also dec'd mems McManus Family - Liam Mallon
Wed (Dec 3)	10.00am	- May Moran
First Fri (Dec 5)	10.00am	- Parish List of the Dead
Sat (Dec 6)	10.00am	ST PADRE PIO MASS (<i>Rosary at 10:30am</i>)
	6.30pm	- Joseph Carberry - Darren Rogers, Moynalty Rd - Jim McGovern, Rodstown - Johnny Smith, Kenlis Crescent - Michael & Mary Vaughan, St. Colmcille Villas
Sun (Dec 7)	9.30am	- Sean Muldoon, Headfort Place
	12.00pm	- Maeve Cameron, Headfort Woods (MM) - Donncha Fox (MM) - Rita Fortin, Sagina, Michigan (1st Ann); Also dec'd mems Fox Family - Pdraig Lydon - Kenneth Bell - Bernard Yore

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Nov 30)	10.30am	- Denis Hayden; Also dec'd mems of the Hayden & Byrne families
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INVITATION TO JOIN ST. COLMCILLE'S CHURCH CHOIR Our choir provides beautiful music to enhance the liturgy at the 12 noon Sunday Mass and at other parish celebrations and ceremonies throughout the year. Membership is open to all adults who love to sing or play an instrument. We are especially seeking male and female voices and trained flautist and violinist. Choir Practice on Wednesdays, 7pm-8:30pm in St. Colmcille's Church, Kells. If you would like to join, please leave your details into Kells Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOYS AND GIRLS OF ST. COLMCILLE'S N.S AND DRUMBARAGH N.S
ON WINNING THEIR RECENT MATCHES!



VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The annual church gate collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2025.

All donations big or small are greatly appreciated. The Society is very grateful for all your support over the years which enables it to help those most in need in our community.



COMMUNITY NOTES: **BOOK OF MEMORIES CAFÉ** Thurs 4th Dec, 12pm - 2pm in Eureka House, Kells. For people living with dementia, their family and friends. Free admission. Tea & Scones served. All Welcome. Contact No: 0871469624. **MULLINGAR CHORAL SOCIETY** will hold their Annual Christmas Concert, 'The Joy of Christmas' in the Cathedral Mullingar on Sun 7th Dec 2025 at 7pm. Ticket €10. Family €20 available on the door on the night or from eventbrite. **BOHERMEEN PARISH** are inviting applications for a *Pastoral Worker* who will work in partnership with the Parish Priest, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Leadership Team in the area of Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation. For a full job description and further details, please see www.bohermeenparish.ie or our Facebook page. **ST COLMCILLES (KELLS) CREDIT UNION** are inviting all members to our AGM which will take place at 8pm on Thurs Dec 11th in the Kenlis Suite, Headfort Arm Hotel in Kells. Refreshments and prize draws for attendees on the night.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €1723 Offerings: €270 Weekly Env: €1330
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

Kilmainham	€3,200	Handball	€400
Gaeil Colmcille	€5,350		
Drumbaragh	€9,900		

