



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



**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 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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**LENT 2026**

*From Pope Leo XIV Message for Lent*

**Together:** Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3). Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation. Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love. I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

**LENT PRAYER CARDS!** Continuing our spiritual journey of Lent with renewed focus upon prayer, fasting and almsgiving, mindful of Our Father's great sacrifice of Love through the Cross of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, let us reach out to others, inviting them to think again about the faith, hope and love we profess! Please take the Lent Prayer Cards available in the churches and hand them to family, neighbours or friends as a simple witness to encourage them to think again about the Cross and the merciful love of God!

See [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026) for more Lenten guidance and reflection.

**Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)**



**FIRST CONFESSION** for the girls & boys in second class of Our Lady of Mercy JNS takes place next Wed March 11th at 7pm. The wider family members and parishioners in general are invited to attend.



**CHRISM MASS 2026** The Diocesan celebration of the Chrism Mass takes place at 7pm on Spy Wednesday 1st April in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar. Everyone is welcome to attend. Book your seat on the Parish Bus (cost donation on the day) by contacting Emma at the Parish Office by noon on Thursday 26th March.

Recently Decensed  
Eddie Higgins, Drumbaragh

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Mar 7)	6.30pm	- Bridget Smyth, O'Growney Tee - Seamus Dowd, Tiermurrin Lane - Margaret Newman, Johnsbrook - Mary, Jim, Patrick & Eugene Maguire, St. Colmcille's Villas
Sun (Mar 8)	9.30am	- Barbara Sheridan, Bective St - Pat & Mary Griffin, Balrath Rd; also Tom Griffin
	12.00pm	- Jack Murphy, Headfort Place - John-Joe Gillic, Bective Sq - Edward Duignan - Brendan Curtis
Mon (Mar 9)	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
Tues (Mar 10)	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
Wed (Mar 11)	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
Thur (Mar 12)	10.00am	- Missa Pro Populo
Fri (Mar 13)	10.00am 6pm	- Missa Pro Populo STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat (Mar 14)	10.00am	ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
	6.30pm	- Richard Grace, Church Lane (1st Ann); Dec'd mems Grace Family - Christy Reilly, Oristown (1st Ann) - Paddy Murtagh - Kevin Ball, Sedenrath - Peter & Kitty Nelson, Kilmainham
Sun (Mar 15)	9.30am	- Hugh Maguire, Gardenrath Rd
	12.00pm	- Eilish Murphy, St. Colmcille's Villas (1st Ann) - Joe & Margaret McKenna, St. Colmcille's Villas - Thomas Bryan Cooney - Pranciskus Simenas

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Mar 8)	10.30am	- Tom & Mick Murtagh - Sarah Johnston (née Sheridan), Navan
Sun (Mar 15)	10.30am	- Nellie Slevin, Chamberlainstown

**COMMUNITY NOTES:** NAVAN FLORAL ART CLUB ARE HOLDING A DEMONSTRATION BY HARIMU LANGFORD A.O.I.F.A. IN THE ARDBOYNE HOTEL ON WED 11TH MAR AT 8 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME. BLACKWATER COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRI, 20TH MAR AT 9PM IN THE CARNAROSS INN. TEAMS OF 4 – €40 PER TEAM. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT. COME ALONG, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE. **KELLS ARTS CLUB SHAMROCK CELEBRATION.** CELTIC POETRY, STORIES, CRAIC, OPEN MIC. TASTY SNACKS. MUSIC WITH OLLIE CLARKE. FRI 13TH MAR AT 7PM IN BOOKMARKET CAFÉ. €15. ALL 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.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie)

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate: €2000 Offerings: €325 Weekly Env: €1880

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