



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



SUNDAY 9th 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

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***The Future of our Parishes,
Communities of Belonging and Evangelisation.***

A PASTORAL LETTER from MOST REV. TOM DEENIHAN, BISHOP OF MEATH

The Parish to which one belongs indicates a community, a sense of belonging and a sense of pride.[] As Pope Francis reminded us, the parish is 'the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration...a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink...and a centre of constant missionary outreach'.[]

This is the task of a parish today: to be a community, to rediscover its identity as a community of faith, hope and love. One is not a Christian all by oneself. To be a Christian means to believe and to live one's faith together with others'. When we talk of parish, like Pope Leo, we talk of 'a community of friends of Jesus'.

Current challenges for our parishes More recently, the 2020 Instruction *The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelising Mission of the Church* urged us to begin a fresh discernment. It calls us to 'read the signs of the times' and to foster 'a renewed vitality' that leads to the 'rediscovery of the vocation of the baptised as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a missionary of the Gospel'. Many of the concerns and views expressed in the recent synodal discussions across the Diocese of Meath underscored the importance of Parish as an expression of the faith community. []

Pastoral Areas The Diocese of Meath is comprised of sixty-nine parishes. These parishes have now been grouped into fourteen Pastoral Areas after consultation with both clergy and the members of parish councils. [] Pastoral Areas must take on a new role and must be places of cooperation, initiative and energy. We are not alone in this discernment. Speaking recently to clergy and parish representatives of the Diocese of Rome, Pope Leo said of Pastoral Areas: ... they are designed to better connect neighbouring parishes in a given territory with the centre of the diocese. The risk is that these realities lose their function as instruments of communion and are reduced to a few meetings, where a few topics are discussed together and then everyone returns to thinking and living pastoral care in isolation, within their own parish boundary or according to their own mindsets. Today, as we know, in a world that has become more complex and in a city that moves at high speed and where people live in constant mobility, we need to think and plan together, going beyond pre-established boundaries and experimenting with joint pastoral initiatives. Therefore, I encourage you to make these organisations true spaces of community life where communion can be exercised, places of discussion where community discernment and baptismal and pastoral co-responsibility can be implemented.

Ensuring the provision of Sunday Mass 'The parish community deepens its sense of its own identity as the Body of Christ when it celebrates the Sunday Eucharist, and as it draws from it the strength to live as disciples of the Risen Lord in a particular time and place'. Ensuring that each parish community can gather for Sunday Mass is a vital task for each Pastoral Area.

***Full text is available online on our Parish and Diocesan website.
Copies can be picked up in our Churches during the week.***

Recently Deceased

Maeve Cameron, Headfort Woods; George Wilson, Magdalene Court

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Nov 8)	6.30pm	- Ultan Fitzpatrick, Sedenrath - Edward Galligan, Hermitage Glen - Mona Keaveny, Oldcastle Rd - John, Lily & Tony Heeney, St. Colmcille's Villas - Eamon Whelan, Rockfield; Also Emma Whelan
Sun (Nov 9)	9.30am	- Mary & Tom Healy, Kilmainham - Gerry Manning, O'Growney Tce
	12.00pm	- Belinda Higgins, Headfort Park (1st Ann) - Vincy Mooney, Blackthorn Grove - Gabe Shipp, Kenlis Crescent - Septi Ephgrave, Headfort Grove
Mon (Nov 10)	10.00am	- Dan & Anna McManus, Loyd
Tues (Nov 11)	10.00am	- Patsy & Phyllis Lynch, Headfort Park
Wed (Nov 12)	6.30pm	- Special Intention
Thurs (Nov 13)	10.00am	- John & Margaret Nulty, also Nulty & Gibbons Family
Fri (Nov 14)	10.00am	- John (Jack) & Eileen Olohan, Rockfield Rd
Sat (Nov 15)	10.00am	- Anniversaries Occurring
	6.30pm	- Paddy Shine, Gardenrath Rd Upper (1st Ann) - Gerry McManus, Fr. McCullen Park - Michael & Maureen Byrne - Dec's mems of Kells Musical & Dramatic Society - Pranciskus Simenas
Sun (Nov 16)	9.30am	- Missa Pro Populo
	12.00pm	- Breege Maguire, Gardenrath Rd (1st Ann) - Johann Alllen-Maguire, Grand Priory - Vinny & Marie Ginnity, Fr. McCullen Park - Pa Grimes, Maudlin St

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Nov 9)	10.30am	- Nancy & Jimmy Lynch, Fordstown also Seamus & Terry Timmons - Molly & Kit Comiskey
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CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 This weekend we welcome the children enrolling for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year. As they receive their Sacramental Passport we pray for them and their families, that together with us, the Parish Faith Community we can grow in our understanding and love of God and the joy of the Gospel we share as members of the Catholic Church.

We invite parents / guardians of our sacramental children to come along and experience the Sycamore Programme, a new way of exploring more about what it means to belong to the Catholic Church and being a witness to Jesus Christ. The Sycamore programme will be both an in-person and virtual programme running for eight weeks. The first four will begin on Monday 17th November 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 the Parish Office know of your attendance by Friday 14th November. *If anyone would like to volunteer to assist at one of the three Masses every month with our children, please contact the Parish Office.*



THANKS to all who assisted with the Memorial Mass last Wednesday. We hold those who mourn in our love and prayers as we remember their deceased loved ones and all inscribed and you on our Parish List of the Dead, during this month of November and on the First Fridays throughout the year.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €2528 Offerings: €2059 Weekly Env: €979
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

Kilmainham	€2,900	Handball	€1,100
Gaël Colmcille	€4,900		
Drumbaragh	€9,500		

