



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



SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 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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CEMETERY SUNDAY 2026 We welcome everyone who gathers from near and far to honour our beloved dead. Though of course saddened by the loss we are comforted by memories and the love that lives on. The company of family and neighbours supports us in our grief. This weekend we gather and remember and pray together as a believing community for the happy repose of their souls with God and all the saints in Heaven.

Blessing of the graves will take place at 11am in St. Colmcille's Cemetery and at 1pm in St. John's Cemetery. **(NO 12PM MASS in Kells, Mass in Girley at earlier time of 10:00am).** Please if possible leave the cars in the town and walk to the cemetery. The Gardai have been informed and we ask everyone to be careful when walking along or crossing the roads. Toilets will be available at St. Colmcille's Cemetery. Blessing of the Graves will take place in St. Raed's Cemetery, Girley on Sunday 23rd August after 10:30am Mass.

THE IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY: SOME FRUITS IN THE DIOCESE OF MEATH

A major practical development in our diocese is the rollout of new "Adult Faith Formation" initiatives such as the 'Sycamore', 'YouCat', and, 'Baptised and Sent' outreach programmes. In rolling out these courses lay people have been centrally involved and supported with the full backing and recognition of the Church community. Another visible change in our diocese today is the creation of "Pastoral Areas". Neighbouring local churches are teaming up to share resources, ministries, and clergy. This structural change isn't just about managing resources; it's a practical step toward synodality. By sharing the load, we ensure that vibrant faith communities, youth groups, and outreach programmes can thrive across our entire pastoral area.



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:
Ollie Stephen Galligan & Theo Stephen Kavanagh

Recently Deceased

Sean (John) Murray, Liverpool & formerly Newtowngirley; Margaret Barboza, Mill Lane;
Martina Boylan (née Dennison), Maynooth & formerly Rockfield Rd, Kells;
Neil McClements, Blackthorn Close

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Aug 15)	6.30pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - For All buried in the Parish Cemeteries
Sun (Aug 16)	9.30am	- For All buried in the Parish Cemeteries
Mon (Aug 17)	10.00am	-
Tues (Aug 18)	10.00am	- Sinéad Flattery
Wed (Aug 19)	10.00am	-
Thurs (Aug 20)	10.00am	- Private Intention
Fri (Aug 21)	10.00am	-
Sat (Aug 22)	10.00am	ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
	6.30pm	- Brigid Cassidy, Taylor Hall (MM) - Kathleen Murray, Irishtown, Balrath (1st Ann) - Margaret McKenna, Maudlin Rd (1st Ann) - Kraig Oliver McGovern, Headfort Grove - Paddy & Teresa Brady, Rosmeen
Sun (Aug 23)	9.30am	- Edward, Margaret & Peter Duffy, Boolies
	12.00pm	- Sean Harten - Julia & Peter McManus - Rosemary Carry - Anthony, Mary, Kieran & Terence Daly also Mary Reilly, Kilmainham

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Aug 16)	10.00am	- Beatrice Reilly, Cortown (1st Ann) - Kevin Woods, New York & formerly Drewstown (1st Ann)
Sun (Aug 23)	10.30am	- For All buried in Girley Cemeteries

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: In celebrating the Sacred Liturgies of the Church various vessels, vestments, liturgical books etc. are used. Symbols and ritual blend with our prayer and worship as Faith Community before God. Often parishioners like to dedicate a contribution to these vestments etc. in thanksgiving or in memory of deceased family. If a parishioner so wishes at anytime to do this, such a contribution would be much appreciated.

MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER If anyone wishes to contribute their music or singing talents over these weeks of the summer, we would be delighted to have your assistance. If interested please contact Fr. Mark or Emma in the Parish Office.



PADUA & ASSISI Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year, Bishop Tom will lead this diocesan pilgrimage 26 Sept. for 5 nights. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel Tel: 01 2410800 Email: info@joewalshtours.ie. More detailed day-to-day itinerary is available www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way



COMMUNITY NOTICES: Kells & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Guided tour to Rusborough House and gardens & Blessington lakes garden centre Wicklow on Wed 19th Aug. Coach leaves Kells 8.30am sharp. Booking with Mary McG 0879755495 or Violet McC 0876560909. Non -members welcome.
PRO-LIFE Group There will be prayers offered for the unborn at Cannon St., 11a.m-12pm on Sat 22nd July 2026. Please join us as a witness for unborn babies.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €1843

Weekly Env: €698

Offerings: €1929

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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