



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

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 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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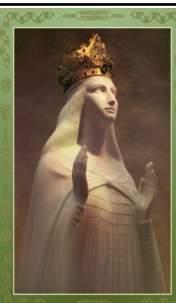
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POPE LEO'S URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE EASTER SUNDAY 2026

In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them! We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing "globalization of indifference," to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: "What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!" (*Urbi et Orbi Message*, 20 April 2025). The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: "If you fear death, love the resurrection!" (*Sermon 124, 4*). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One.



Tuesday is the 1st anniversary of the death of Pope Francis as we pray for the repose of his soul, we seek his intercession from Heaven.



THE REGINA COELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Regina Coeli is recited in place of the Angelus during the Easter season)



VOCATIONS SUNDAY next weekend. The Offertory Collection will be for the education of our seminarians, vocations promotion and support in the diocese of Meath. Your contribution is most appreciated and we seek your continual prayers for those discerning the Lord's prompting to serve the People of God as a priest in our diocese.

Recently Decensed

**James Comiskey, Drumbaragh; Tony Lynch, Lord Edward St;
John Patrick (Sean) Loughlin, Bective & Navan**

Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Apr 18) 6.30pm - Bridget Morris, Headfort Grove
- Anne Shine, Gardenrath Rd
- May Brennan, Virginia, Cavan
- Sun (Apr 19) 9.30am - Ann Conaty, Blackwater Heights (1st Ann)
12.00pm - Breda Clinton (née Carry), Bective St
- Sr. Genevieve Kehoe, Convent of Mercy, Kells
- Fergus Dalton, Termon Hall
- John Reilly, Carrick St
- Mon (Apr 20) 10.00am -
- Tues (Apr 21) 10.00am - Victor Duffy, Gardenrath Rd & Dec'd mems Duffy Family, Ballybay
- Wed (Apr 22) 10.00am -
- Thurs (Apr 23) 10.00am -
- Fri (Apr 24) 10.00am -
- Sat (Apr 25) 10.00am ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
6.30pm - Patrick Clarke, Maudlin
- Lorraine McInerney, Kilmainham
- Michael Smith, O'Growney Tce
- John & Delia Reilly & dec'd mems Reilly Family
- Sun (Apr 26) 9.30am - Brendan Kelly, Headfort Rd
- Michael & Rose Lynch, Grangegodden
12.00pm - Maureen Monaghan, Drumbaragh (MM)
- Noel Reilly, Canon St (MM)
- Lily Flanagan; Also Tommy, Pat & Ellen Flanagan, Cavan Rd

Mass Intentions for Girley

- Sun (Apr 26) 10.30am - Dec'd mems Woods family, Drewstown



“LOOK” CHILDREN’S NEWSLETTER now available at the front doors of the church.

PARISH VISITATION During the coming weeks, Fr. John will visit the parishioners in the new estate of Railway Court.

COMMUNITY NOTES: KELLS MEALS ON WHEELS COMMITTEE would welcome new Voluntary Drivers for delivery of meals. If interested please phone 0876595575 for further information. **KELLS & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED** are planning to construct a new workshop this year and are currently fundraising through a raffle. Please support the ticket sellers when they come to your neighbourhood. **KELLS LIVELY CITIZEN'S CLUB TEA DANCE** on Sun 19th Apr, 3pm-6pm in Eureka House. Music by Liam Grant & Jim Quinn. All welcome. **KELLS LIVELY CITIZEN'S CLUB DAY TRIP-** Thurs 11th Jun Meeting at Kells Garda Station at 10am sharp for Shopping in Stephen's Green, Show in Gaiety Theatre (Are Ya Dancing) and dinner in Carlton Hotel. Total price €80. Theatre tickets €35 to be paid on booking. Remaining €45 to be paid by 18th May. Contact Brian Curran 0868144495.



PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME COMMEMORATING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS' DEATH “May the Lord give you peace”. On 2nd - 7th June 2026 consider joining Fr. Mark on this pilgrimage to the town of peace, as we seek the inspiration and intercession of St Francis, St. Clare & St Carlos Acutis, praying for our own needs, our young and for peace in our troubled world. For full details please tel: 012410800 or www.joewalshstours.ie

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Trocaire: €13332

Plate: €1797

Offerings: €824 Weekly Env: €1726

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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