



**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE KELLS
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLEY
SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 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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**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER DUE TO ANNUAL LEAVE.
RE-OPENING FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER**



SATURDAY MORNING MASS AT NEW TIME OF 10AM.

POPE LEO CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

at Castel Gandolfo on 5th September 2025 said.....



“Almost as if implicitly referring back to the account of Genesis, Jesus highlights the special place reserved, in the act of creation, to the human being: the most beautiful creature, made in the image and semblance of God. But this privilege comes with a great responsibility: that of caring for all the other creatures, in accordance with the Creator’s plan (cf. *Gen 2:15*). Care for creation therefore represents a true vocation for every human being, a commitment to be fulfilled within creation itself, without ever forgetting that we are creatures among creatures, and not creators. For this reason, it is important, as my Predecessor wrote, to “recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us” (Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’*, 225).

See video: <https://youtu.be/lpe5IVHGTyI>



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity & the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE – SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025

During the recent Saint Oliver 400 celebrations in Lough Crew, Bishop Tom Deenihan formally designated St. Brigid’s Church, Oldcastle and St. Finian’s Church, Clonard as the official places of pilgrimage for the people of the Diocese of Meath during the Jubilee Year 2025. As it is not possible for everyone to make pilgrimage to Rome, these designated Jubilee sites enable the Faithful to celebrate the Jubilee obligations.

To fulfil this we invite you to join in our Parish Pilgrimage to these Jubilee Churches. You may wish to make your own travel arrangements with family or friends or to come along on the bus provided. Bring a packed lunch and raingear, just in case! Bus will leave church yard at 11.30am. Anybody under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Next week there will be more details about the bus.



There have been a number of instances at night of vandalism, theft and dumping in St. Colmcille’s Cemetery. We therefore have made the decision to close the gates of the cemetery each evening. If you witness any anti-social activity in or around our Cemetery, please contact the Gardaí.

Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Sept 20) 6.30pm - MM - Kathleen (Kay) Murray, Irishtown, Balrath
- Birthday Remembrance - Maureen Byrne, Drumbaragh
- 10th Ann - Philomena O'Brien, The Glebe
- Sun (Sept 21) 9.30am - Anniv - Eileen Drew, Rockfield
12.00pm - 3rd Ann - Gregory Duffy, Grand Priory
- 5th Ann - Monica Tighe also dec'd mems of Tighe & Boylan Families
- 23rd Ann - Kieran Flanagan, Oldcastle Rd
- Mon (Sept 22) 10.00am - Birthday Remembrance - Brigid Flanagan, Árd na Gréine
- Tue (Sept 23) 10.00am - Anniv - Jane Armstrong née Carty, & Dec'd members of Carty family
- Sat (Sept 27) **10.00am** - *Anniversaries Occurring*
6.30pm - MM - Margaret McKenna, Maudlin Rd
- 3rd Ann - Joseph Smith, Calliaghstown
- Anniv - Fr. Hyacinth Ennis, OFM
- Anniv - Deceased members of Madden Family, Cakestown
- Sun (Sept 28) 9.30am - *Missa Pro Populo*
12.00pm - Anniv - Maureen Flood, Kenlis Place
- 90th Birthday Remembrance - Maureen Tierney
- Anniv - Maureen Geraghty & Deceased family, Suffolk St

Mass Intentions for Girley

- Sun (Sept 21) 10.30am - MM - Beatrice (Betty) Reilly, Moyaugh, Cortown



ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING With the increase in our parish population you might find it may not be possible to have a deceased loved one remembered individually at Mass at the particular weekend desired. Priority is given to Months Memories and First Anniversaries. After a number of years families often include loved ones together in an annual Mass for the deceased members of their family.

This enables everyone to have an opportunity throughout the year to remember publicly our deceased loved ones. In November we compile our Parish List of the Dead to include all our deceased loved ones at the Masses offered during November and on the First Fridays of the year. However to enable a more personal remembrance at the time of particular anniversaries, birthdays or some special occasion we invite you to consider the **Anniversaries Occurring Mass to be celebrated at the 10am Mass on Saturdays** (*except for the St. Padre Pio Mass on the first Saturday of the month which will be kept for the Sick and intersessions*). Individual names will be read out and candles lit at the altar to recall their memory. As usual you can ask to have your deceased loved ones included by contacting the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NOTES:

Yoga4Health Classes in Kells Family Resource Centre starting Sept 25th 10am-11.30am. Suitable for all abilities. For more information or to book a place contact Martina 087 9272013.

Eureka Secondary Open Night 2025 on Wed, 24th Sept, 5pm - 8pm at the school campus (A82R6C4). Application Forms on the website from 1st Oct (www.eurekasecondaryschool.ie). Closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on the 23rd Oct. For further info, please email office@eurekaschool.ie or telephone 0469240132.

Knights of Columbanus Churchgate Collection will take place on the weekend of 27th/28th September.

St. Ciarán's Community School Open Night - on Thurs 2nd October 2025 from 5.30 - 7.30pm. The Principal, Cara McLoughlin, will give a talk at 5.30pm followed by tour of school & subject information. This is an opportunity to view the wide range of subject options and modern educational facilities available to prospective pupils. **Retreat for Young Adults (18-40yrs)** at Dalgan Park, Navan on Sat 4th Oct 10am-5.30pm. Cost €20 suggested (lunch & tea breaks provided). Contact Sr. Una 0906481666 or Michael 0862453123. **Event for older people on 8th October in Athboy Community Centre.** This event is called "Meath Cares About Older People" and is a showcase and taster session for the older people of Co. Meath to come along and get information on services available to them in the county across a wide sector, including nutrition, safety in the home, physical health, mental health and technology for older people etc. Time: 11am-2.30pm. Athboy Convent Community Centre, Kildalkey Rd Eircode C15P280

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €2213 Offerings: €100 Weekly Env: €1444
Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

Kilmainham €2,200 Handball €400
Gaeil Colmcille €3,850
Drumbaragh €8,800

