



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



SUNDAY 9TH 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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THE IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY – WHAT IS DISCERNMENT?

Spiritual discernment is at the core of the Irish synodal pathway. Discernment is an intentional practice of becoming aware of and understanding the Lord's voice. As Pope Francis highlighted, synodal discernment is an exercise in "giving the microphone to the Holy Spirit". Throughout the Irish synodal journey, quiet awareness, self-examination, and patient discernment were used extensively. Last year the Meath Diocesan Synod Team offered five sessions across the diocese for Parish Pastoral Councils to train them in a method for discernment called Conversation in the Spirit. This approach helps support authentic, prayerful listening and decision making so as to discern together what God is saying.



CEMETERY SUNDAY 2026 Blessing of the graves will take place next Sunday 16th August at 11am in St. Colmcille's Cemetery and at 1pm in St. John's Cemetery. **(NO 12PM MASS in Kells and 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.

KNOCK The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place today with The Anointing of the Sick at 2:30pm followed by Mass in the Basilica at 3pm with the Rosary Procession to the Apparition Chapel. All are welcome to attend. Your intentions will be remembered at the altar.

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



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:
Archie Conroy Yates



CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Mullen & Darren Ferguson who were married recently in the St. Colmcille's Church, Kells. We offer them every blessing as they enter the sacrament of marriage.

Recently Decensed

Mass Intentions for Kells

Sat (Aug 8)	6.30pm	- Kathleen Cooper, Drumbaragh (MM) - Margaret & Michael Carr - Ann Mulvany - Josephine Kavanagh, Fyanstown; Dec'd mems Kavanagh & Horan Fam - Kieran, Nancy & Frank Fitzsimons; Ena Paish; Rosemary & Norbert Lynch; Dodie Sheridan; Maphie, John & Liam Broderick; Jimmy & Johnny Finnegan.
Sun (Aug 9)	9.30am	- Mary Dalton, Termon Hall (MM)
	12.00pm	- Ann Gillic, Bective Sq - Phyllis Tighe, Mullingar Rd - Peadar Curran, St. Colmcille Villas - Teresa Delaney, Dublin & Headfort Grove
Mon (Aug 10)	10.00am	- PJ Cahill, Grand Priory - Patrick, Mary, PJ & Denis Breen
Tues (Aug 11)	10.00am	- Donor's Intention
Wed (Aug 12)	10.00am	-
Thurs (Aug 13)	10.00am	- Paddy Cleary, Brentford, London
Fri (Aug 14)	10.00am	- James (Jimmy) Smith, O' Growney Tce.
Sat (Aug 15)	10.00am	ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING
	6.30pm	- FOR ALL BURIED IN THE PARISH CEMETERIES.
Sun (Aug 9)	9.30am	- FOR ALL BURIED IN THE PARISH CEMETERIES.

Mass Intentions for Girley

Sun (Aug 9)	10.30am	- Bob Hodgins - Therese Dillon - Winnie, Jimmy & Johnny Martin - Noel, Lynn & Sr Pius Doran
Sun (Aug 16)	10.00am	- Beatrice Reilly, Cortown 1st Anniv.

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.

LOUGH DERG PROGRAMME OF RETREATS AND PILGRIMAGES FOR AUG & SEPT 3 Day Pilgrimages – In the tradition of prayer, fasting + keeping Vigil. Begin on any day of the week until Thurs 13th Aug. Adm €85. **1 Day Retreats** – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st ; September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th Adm €50. Advance Booking Essential. Includes Special Themed Retreats: 23rd Aug - St Peregrine; 5th Sept – Pioneer Pilgrimage; 6th Sept – St Carlos Acutis; 9th & 12th Sept – Vocations Monstrance; 19th Sept– Divine Mercy Pilgrimage **Heritage Day Tours** - Thurs 20th Aug. 11am & 2:30pm - guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments. Admission €15. Advance Booking Essential.

KELLS LIVELY CITIZEN CLUB: The balance for trip to Cork in September is due by August 10th. Thank you.



AUGUST OFFERINGS : Kindly use the **WHITE** envelope from your Box or any envelope marked August offerings.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate Collection : €2,028.85 Weekly Env: €945 Offerings: €550

Thank you to all who contribute, count & collect.

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