



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



SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

**Weekend Masses: Kells: Sat: Vigil 6.30pm, Sun: 9.30am & 12.00pm
Girley - Sunday: 10.30am
Masses for week - Mon - Fri: 10am; Sat 11am**



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



**KELLS: Vigil: Dec 24th: 5pm (Children's Mass); 7.30pm
Christmas Day: 9.30am; 10.30am; 12.00pm**

**GIRLEY: Vigil: Dec 24th: 6pm
Christmas Day: 10.30am**

Weekday Masses from Thurs 26th (St Stephen's Day) to Fri 27th Dec & from Mon 30th Dec to Fri 3rd Jan will be at 11am so you can take a lazy start to the day and enjoy a restful few days after Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION / PENITENTIAL SERVICE 2024

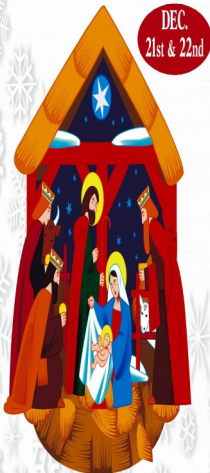
Penitential Rite will take place from 5-6pm on Sunday 22nd December 2024 with visiting priests. Fr David will do a short introduction followed by an opportunity to make a confession and receive absolution from any of the priests having different stations within the church. As people make the Sacrament they can then leave and get on with the rest of their evening without having to wait until the final ending.

CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCH

Thanks to Hillside Stores Drumbaragh for sponsoring our Christmas tree.
Check out our Crib! The new crib figures in our church are on loan for the moment from a generous donor. Thanks to all who are helping out with our Christmas plans.
Could Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Collectors please contact Parish Office to confirm Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?

Live Crib

AT KELLS CHURCH



DEC.
21st & 22nd

Sat. 5pm - 8pm Sun. 11am - 2pm

Charity Fundraising Event

THE ORIGINS OF THE FIRST LIVE CRIB

For many the Christmas decorations would be incomplete without a Nativity scene, depicting Mary and Joseph in the stable with the baby Jesus in a Manger surrounded by assorted animals. We have St Francis of Assisi to thank for the Nativity scenes we love so much today.

The story goes that St. Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene in 1223 at Greccio, central Italy, in an attempt to place the emphasis of Christmas upon the worship of Christ rather than upon secular materialism and gift giving. There lived in that town a man by the name of Messier Giovanni Velitta, who was a very holy man. St. Francis called upon John about two weeks before Christmas and said to him, "If it is your wish that we should celebrate this year's Christmas together at Greccio, go quickly and prepare what I tell you; for I want to enact the memory of the child Jesus who was born at Bethlehem and how He was placed in the manger on hay between a donkey and an ox." John prepared everything that St. Francis had told him. The Friars who had come from many communities, gathered around St. Francis as did the men & women of the neighbourhood. The crib was ready, hay was brought, the ox and the donkey were led to the spot. The crowds gathered and rejoiced in the celebration.

St. Francis' idea of recreating the Nativity scene spread quickly all over the Christian world, and soon there were Christmas cribs in churches and homes and also in public places.

Recently Deceased

Fr. Frank McNamara, retired P.P. Ratoath

Mass Intentions for Kells

- Sat (Dec 14) 6.30pm - MM - Patsy Shine, Gardenrath Rd Upper
- 6th Ann - Pat Berrill, Kells
- 7th Ann - Maura Murtagh, Headfort Park
- Anniv - Peter Smyth, O'Growney Tce & Deceased members of the Smyth Family
- Sun (Dec 15) 12.00pm - 1st Ann - Maura Reddy, Cavan Rd
- 2nd Ann - Patrick Dunne, Ard na Greine
- 5th Ann - Sr. Eileen Mulvihill
- Thur (Dec 19) 10.00am - Anniv - William & Catherine Doherty, Nobber & Deceased members of the Doherty family
- Sat (Dec 21) 11.00am - Anniv - Paddy Nugent, Kenlis Place
- 6.30pm - 1st Ann - Rosie Hand, North Lodge, Headfort Demesne also Benny & Matt Hand
- 2nd Ann - Jenny Kerr, Grand Priory
- 8th Ann - Teresa Caffrey, Fr MacCullen Pk also
100th Birthday remembrance - John Caffrey
- Anniv - John, Clare & Larry Rogers, St. Colmcille's Villas
- Sun (Dec 22) 9.30am - 12th Ann - David Drew, Mill Lane
- 12.00pm - MM - Breege Maguire, Gardenrath Rd
- 2nd Ann - Pa Tormay, St. Colmcille's Villas also
Martina, Helen, Josie & Tom Tormay
- 2nd Ann - Sean Farrelly, Beechlawn
- 5th Ann - Niamh Pike, née Flanagan, Oldcastle Rd
- Anniv - Deceased members of the O'Brien & O'Neill families

Mass Intentions for Girley

- Sun (Dec 22) 10.30am - Anniv - Brendan McGuinness, Triermore

Anniversaries

14th Ann - Bridie Hickey, Kilmainham
Christopher Lee; John, Catherine, Christopher & Fr. Michael Finnegan
Johnny & Teasie Black, Fair Green
Caroline Brennan, Ard na Greine

Kells Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Hosted by Knights of St Columbanus, will be held on
Sun Jan 5th in the Headfort Arms at 1pm. Kells Silver Band.
RSVP: Michael 0872224724 or Paddy 0899648662

GIVE BLOOD! (IBTS) Eureka House,
Kells Sun 22nd Dec, 2024 - 11:30am-3pm.
Blood Donor Clinics are still by appointment. Please call 1800222111 or visit
www.giveblood.ie to make appt.



PARISH ENVELOPES 2025

Envelope boxes will be left on tables at the front of the church, organised in alphabetical order, for parishioners to collect. Please only collect your own box to avoid confusion.

UPCOMING SHOWS

'PHILO' - Thurs 24th April at 2.30pm - a story about an inner city girl and Sr. Rosaleen, her boss, who is a thoughtful woman who has embraced the religious life in the wake of a failed relationship.
'MYRA'S STORY' - Thurs 8th May at 2.30pm - the incredible story of a middle-aged homeless alcoholic, living rough on the streets of Dublin and the interesting characters she meets.
4 seats are left for 'Mary Poppins' on Thurs 9th January 2025 - tickets must be booked by lunchtime Mon 16th Dec.

COLLECTIONS (Kells & Girley)

Plate : €1590; Weekly Env: €4249;
Offerings: €1415

Thanks to all those who contribute, count and collect.



Kilmainham	Drumbaragh	€5,000
€2,100		
Gaël Colmcille	Handball	€2,000
€9,300		