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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Bóthar na Naomh: Saturday 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.  
Cathedral: Saturday 7.30 p.m.; Sunday 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:**

WEEKDAYS: 11.30 A.M. – 7.30 P.M.; SUNDAYS: 1.00 P.M. – 7.00 P.M.

**ADVENT 2014:** *“Making a new space for Jesus in our hearts.”*

**EVENING PRAYER:** Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday 7.00 p.m.

**JESSE TREE:** During Advent we decorate the Jesse tree. We are reminded of the beauty of creation. We thank God for giving us the sun, moon, stars, the earth in its richness, all things that blossom and bear fruit. May our relationship with God grow during this Advent season.

**CHRISTMAS CRIBS:** As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed cribs.

**CAROL SERVICE:** Cathedral Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.00 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Bóthar na Naomh Church Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.** This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€177,261.00**. Collected in 2013: **€170,846.00**. Amount collected to date in 2014: **€123,307.00**. The last envelope in your 2014 Collection Box (Blue envelope: 21-Dec-14). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2014. All collection shortfalls must be funded out of parish income.**

**JANUARY 2015:** Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, List of Priests' Areas, Letter to Parishioners and package containing envelopes for all Church Collections, including Weekly Offertory Envelopes 2015. **We would appreciate if distributors could collect their envelopes from next Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Office.**

**PEOPLE & PRIESTS SURVEY** of groups in Thurles continues. We encourage volunteers to check list of remaining groups at Parish Centre. Survey Questionnaire forms and explanatory cards are available at Parish Centre.

**NORTH TIPP HOSPICE/SUIRHAVEN MEMORIAL TREE: Sat 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Cards/Ribbons are available @ Thurles Shopping Centre and will be placed on the tree outside the Cathedral. This project is being run by Thurles Rotary Club.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:**

Tues. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.  
Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

**Offertory Collection December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2014:**  
Cathedral: **€1,678.00**; Bóthar na Naomh: **€1,555.00**.

**DEVELOPMENT FUND** (*Fund raising target: €2.5m*)  
**TOTAL INCOME to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2014: €2,105,589.00.**

<b>October/November Income:</b>	<b>€</b>
Direct Donations	<b>215</b>
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	<b>270</b>
Standing Orders	<b>680</b>
Progressive 25 Card Drive	<b>130</b>
Total October/November Income	<b>1,295</b>
<b>Total Income to September 2014</b>	<b>2,104,294</b>
<b>Total Income to November 2014</b>	<b>2,105,589</b>

**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:** St. Mary's Church, Thurles, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 8.00p.m. All are welcome.

**OUR LADY'S SODALITY:** Ursuline Convent Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m.

**MEANING OF MARRIAGE:** A pastoral Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference available at back of both Churches this weekend.

**PALLOTTINE RETREAT CENTRE:** Next Retreat December 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> with Fr. Emmet O'Hara S.C.A. Bookings @ 087 7542116.

**POBAL AILBHE:** Beautifully illustrated history of the Diocese by Rev. Christy O'Dwyer – available at Parish Centre. Ideal Christmas Gift!

**FR. LIAM LAWTON** live at The Source Arts Centre featuring Bóthar Na Naomh Choir, Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20. Bookings @ 90204.

**FREE COFFEE MORNING** with Christmas Carols sung by Scoil Angela children @ 11.30a.m. in Thurles library, Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome!

**CHRISTMAS SHOP & BOOK SALE** @ Thurles Men's Shed, Mitchel Street.

**CHRISTMAS NCBI RAFFLE:** Tickets @ NCBI Charity Shop.

**“MYELOMA – MY LIFE”:** Catherine Maher Mc Govern will host the official launch of her book documenting her journey with cancer over the past 11 years on Tuesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> in the Anner Hotel @ 8.00 p.m. Open invitation to everyone - your presence would be greatly appreciated.

**ROTARY CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Rotary Challenge Cycle/Family Cycle /10K Run /10K walk on St. Stephens Day Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning @ 11.00 a.m. from Thurles Rugby Club. Proceeds Guide Dogs for the Blind and Mo Chara Animal Rescue. Info contact 087 2526625.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Celebration of Winter Solstice, Monday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8.00 p.m.  
**'FOUR TIPPERARY SAINTS'** by Pádraig Ó Riain will be launched by Dr. Salvador Ryan, Maynooth & Thurles in The Source, Tues. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6.30p.m. **'CASTLES OF MID TIPPERARY'** by Dr. Tadhg O'Keefe in The Source, Tues. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Robin McMillan, Hazelwood.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Margaret Ryan, née McGrath, Ballyconnigar, Wexford, formerly St. Albans & Thurles.