

PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505

BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688;

PARISH WEBSITE: www.thurlesparish.ie

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.

Lenten Theme: Meeting God each day in Lent

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 7.00 p.m. Each Sunday of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross with a different focus each evening. Sunday we invite you to join us (35 mins approx.) as we pray together the Stations of the Cross of Faith and Courage.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Available at back of both Churches. *‘The Eucharist connects us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren.’* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1397)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN PROGRAMME:

MEETING GOD IN FORGIVENESS: The Lord is compassion and love. You are invited to attend our first evening of the Lenten programme on **“Meeting God”**. The Liturgy and Faith Formation groups present this series of reflections on the four Thursdays of March commencing on next **Thursday 5th**. Incorporating the wilderness meal concept, soup will be served to all at 7.30p.m. in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh. Each presentation will address **“Meeting God”** from different viewpoints. So come along, next Thursday, you will enjoy it.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, March 6th. Usual Communion Calls. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30 p.m. (preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15 p.m.).

DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION: This weekend, March 1st. Each Diocese needs support to finance its own Diocesan needs and expenses. Our Diocese also has a responsibility to the Church at National level and all National Church Organisations have to be financially supported by each diocese. Target: **€30,828.00**. (White envelope: 01-Mar-2015).

YOUTH TOGETHER: 1st & 2nd Year Meetings this Friday, March 6th, Parish Centre @ 7.00 p.m. There will be plenty of glue and paper used - you'll find out why on the night!

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: Monday March 2nd @ 7.00 p.m.

THE REDEFINITION OF MARRIAGE & THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN: Thurs. March 5th @ 8.00 p.m.; Parish Centre, Cashel, by Dr. Tom Finnegan & Kate Bopp. All welcome!

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Mar. 3rd, 11.00 a.m.: Joint Faith Formation/Liturgy Group Meeting;

Tues. Mar. 3rd, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

Wed. Mar. 4th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Wed., Mar. 4th, 6.30 p.m.: Scoil Ailbhe First Confessions.

Thurs. Mar. 5th, 7.00 p.m. Lenten Programme

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 21st & 22nd 2015:

Cathedral: €2,363.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,933.00.

DEVELOPMENT FUND (Fund raising target: €2.5m)

Total Income to January 31st 2015: €2,109,764.00.

January Income:	€
Direct Donations	250
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	20
Standing Orders	340
Total December Income	610
Total Income to December 2014	2,109,154
Total Income to January 2015	2,109,764

PRO-LIFE EVENT: Wed. March 11th, 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m., outside the Dáil, challenging media bias on the abortion issue. In one fortnight recently, 33 articles appeared in national newspapers pushing for more abortion, with just 1 pro-life article during the same period. Bus from Hogans, Liberty Square @ 1.00 p.m. Further information contact Ned @ 0872538111.

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA & THURLES COMMUNITY are setting up a Text Alert Service for everyone & everywhere in Thurles town. Forms available at back of both churches. Please return to Credit Union with fee enclosed in envelope provided.

FASHION SHOW: Presentation Secondary School Sports Complex, Thursday March 5th @ 8.00p.m. Tickets available from the school office 0504 22291.

CBS TABLE QUIZ: Friday March 6th @ 8.00 p.m. Venue: CBS. Please support!

“FOOD FOR THOUGHT”: A recipe book compiled by Eileen Coffey will be launched in the Ursuline Secondary School Friday, March 6th, 7.00p.m. Books: €15. All proceeds to Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Stephen Best, Windward Islands, will speak about the impact of Fairtrade on his community, LIT Thurles @ 2.00 p.m., Wed. March 4th.

I.C.A.: Meeting Wednesday March 4th @ 8.00p.m. in Band Hall.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Irish Night Mon. March 2nd @ 8.00 p.m. Admission free. Fund Raising Dance in Holycross Tues. March 3rd, 9.00 p.m. Admission: €10.

THURLES CARERS AGM: Thursday 5th March, 7.30p.m. @ Bowes Friar Street. All members to attend and new members welcome.

THURLES FLOWER CLUB: Flower Arranging Classes, Knox Hall commencing Thursday March 5th for six weeks. For details phone 23394. All welcome.

THURLES CÉILI & SET CLUB: Sunday March 1st, Band Hall @ 8.00p.m.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wed. March 4th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

TWO-MILE-BORRIS N.S.: OPEN DAY Fri. Mar 6th 1.00 p.m. All welcome.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Allanna Mai Finn Halloran, Monakeeba.* Ava Mary Marie Meaney Ivers, Monakeeba. *Kevin Christopher McCarthy, Thurles.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Paul Hegney, France, formerly

Childers Park. †Tommy Gaynor, Drish. †Rita Clohessy, née Troy, Ballydavid, Littleton. †Bridget (Biddens) Scanlon, Waterford City. †Bridget Lambert, née Ryan, England, formerly 4 Fianna Road. †Gerard O'Neill, Douglas, Cork, formerly Bohernanave.