

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.

Lenten Theme: *Meeting God each day in Lent*

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 7.00 p.m. We invite you to join us as we pray together the Stations of the Cross for Our Times.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Available at back of both Churches. *'Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!...Whenever human beings fail to live up to this responsibility, whenever we fail to care for creation and for our brothers and sisters, the way is opened up to destruction and our hearts are hardened.'* Pope Francis.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN PROGRAMME:

MEETING GOD IN CREATION: Join us in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar Na Naomh on next **Thursday 12th March** at 7.30p.m for the second in our series of Lenten presentations. This talk will evoke a sense of awe, wonder and response as together we journey towards, *'Meeting God in Creation'*. Come along, next Thursday, you will enjoy it. Soup will be served to all!

DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Target: **€30,828.00**. Amount received: **€4,765.00**.

FAMILY MASS: Sat. March 14th, Cathedral 7.30 p.m. Theme: *'Making time to meet God each day'*. We invite each child to make their contribution to Trócaire during Mass.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. Mar. 9th, 6.30 p.m.: People & Priests Strategy Group Meeting.

Tues. Mar. 10th, 3.30 p.m.: Confirmation Preparation Meeting;

Tues. Mar. 10th, 2.30 p.m.: Cathedral Liturgy Group Meeting.

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

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Mon., Mar 9th, 8.00 p.m.: Scoil Ailbhe Ceremony of Light (Refreshments).

Tues. Mar 10th, 8.00 p.m.: Gaelscoil First Confessions (Refreshments).

Wed., Mar. 11th 8.00 p.m.: Gaelscoil Ceremony of Light (Refreshments).

Thurs. Mar. 12th, 7.30 p.m. Lenten Programme.

POLISH MASS: W Poniedziałek 09 Marca o godz 18.30 będzie Polska Msza w Kopiczy Sióstr w Presentation Convent. Spowiedź Sw. od godz 17.00. Serdecznie Zapraszamy.

Polish Mass: Presentation Convent Chapel Monday March 9th @ 6.30 p.m.; Confessions @ 5.00 p.m.

PRO-LIFE EVENT: Wed. March 11th, 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m., outside the Dáil, challenging media bias on the abortion issue. Bus from Hogans, Liberty Square @ 1.00 p.m. Further information contact Ned @ 0872538111.

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA & THURLES COMMUNITY: Text Alert Service for Thurles. Forms available at back of both churches. Return to Credit Union with fee enclosed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 28th/March 1st 2015:

Cathedral: €2,331.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,835.00.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014

	2014 €	2013 €	Variation %
Income			
Offertory collection	212,507	206,989	2.7%
Shrines/candles	58,846	57,516	2.3%
Charity tax refund	30,672	24,541	25.0%
Parish Centre	13,462	11,211	20.1%
Other income (including donations etc)	12,084	9,397	28.6%
	<u>327,571</u>	<u>309,654</u>	5.8%
Expenditure			
Salaries	104,553	105,378	-0.8%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	41,894	30,358	38.0%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	23,588	21,793	8.2%
Heating, lighting, phone	69,495	67,244	3.3%
Parish insurance, rent	25,791	25,791	0.0%
Other expenses	32,504	34,412	-5.5%
Common fund shortfall (collected €177,261)	0	6,415	-100.0%
Other collections shortfall (collected €38,679)	22,117	23,453	-5.7%
	<u>319,942</u>	<u>314,844</u>	1.6%
Surplus / (Shortfall) for year	<u>€7,629</u>	<u>-€5,190</u>	

The Parish is showing a surplus of €7,629 for 2014 compared with a shortfall of €5,190 for 2013. General income was up 5% at €327,571 (2013 €309,654).

The spend on maintenance, repairs and decoration of €23,588 is after a credit of €22,514 for an insurance claim to cover spending of €22,814 following storm damage to the Cathedral.

The collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly to the Common Fund. Our Parish reached its target of €177,261 for 2014, reflecting the generous response of Parishioners to our special appeal before Christmas. There was a small shortfall in 2013 on the Common Fund of €6,415. We also had targets for the other collections (Diocesan Needs Appeal, Education of Priests, Peter's Pence and Propagation of the Faith) on which there was a net shortfall of €22,117 (2013 €23,453). All collection shortfalls must be funded out of Parish income.

Funds raised under the Parish Development Plan (Building Fund) are accounted for separately and periodically reported (monthly) in our Parish newsletter.

We thank sincerely all Parishioners, particularly in these difficult times, for their generous support in so many ways during the past year.

Rev. Martin Hayes

Rev. Thomas Dunne

23rd February 2015

Accountants: Patrick C. Horan & Co.

FLOWER CLUB: Meeting, Anner Hotel, Tues. March 10th, 8.15 p.m. All welcome.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Darragh Jeremiah Patrick Fogarty, Marlstone Manor.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Paddy Ryan, 53 Rosemount, formerly Rossmore. †Marion O'Gorman, née O'Dwyer, Kyle, Rathmanna. †Daniel (Danny) Pyne, Knockroe.