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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.

MAY EVENING PRAYER: Cathedral this Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all the children from the parish who received their First Holy Communion during the week.

PEOPLE & PRIESTS: We took great encouragement and inspiration from the recent gathering in L.I.T. As mentioned on the night we are hoping to keep the momentum going with a celebration of all the groups through the publication of a ‘Thurles Directory’ and an Exhibition of Groups later this year. In the more immediate short term we are inviting all groups to a **Corpus Christi Procession** with a difference – a celebration of the different groups who are the life of Thurles! We are planning to hold this event on **Saturday 6th June at 8.15 p.m.** The plan is to congregate in the **Car Park of St. Patrick’s College** and parade around Liberty Square and back down to the Cathedral. We would love to see all the groups of the parish being present at this event showing their colours, be it by wearing their uniforms/jerseys or flying their flags. The more colour and diversity the better. We hope that this will be a very public celebration of the life of Thurles, with all of its many active groups being represented on the streets of the town. Please extend this invite to every member of your group as we would like all to feel welcome and included.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – CATHEDRAL & BÓTHAR NA NAOMH: Afternoon of prayer and reflections in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh, Saturday June 6th from 3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

MAY ROSARY: Bóthar na Naomh Grotto Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ 5.00p.m.; Our Lady’s Grotto, Leugh @ 7.30p.m. each evening for the Month of May and Sarsfield Street every Sunday @ 5.30 p.m.

MASS - TIPPERARY PARKINSON’S ASSOCIATION: Friday May 29th @ 4.00 p.m. in the Community Hospital of the Assumption.

OUR LADY’S SODALITY: Ursuline Convent, Mon. May 25th. Mass @ 7.30 p.m.

DVD OF INSTALLATION CEREMONY: Order @ Parish Office. Cost: €15.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. May 25th, 11.30 a.m.: Parish Liturgy Group.

Mon. May 25th, 6.30 p.m.: Pastoral Council Development Group.

Wed. May 27th, 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION May 16th & 17th 2015:

Cathedral: €2,353.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,121.00.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new envelope system for the weekly Offertory Collection has successfully afforded us greater accountability. We encourage all parishioners to continue or to begin to use the envelopes provided. With thanks for all your contributions.

CHARITY TAX FORMS: Reminder to those who received correspondence re. Charity Tax Refund Scheme last March – if relevant please return your form to the Parish Office.

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO will be beatified on Sunday 24 May. The ceremony will take place in San Salvador, at the city’s Divine Savior monument. Here in Ireland Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will celebrate Archbishop Romero’s beatification at the Festival of Peoples Mass in Saint Mary’s Pro Cathedral, Dublin at 6.30 pm on Sunday 24 May. Trócaire has long been affiliated with Oscar Romero and worked alongside him in El Salvador in the 1970’s. In 1980 he wrote to Trócaire thanking the organisation for its support of the Archdiocesan radio station which he used to educate the largely illiterate population about their rights. *“I would like once more to thank your kindness and preoccupation for our country and our Church and the kindness of the Irish Bishop’s Conference and Trócaire’s”* he said. During his 7 January general audience, Pope Francis quoted Romero as having said: *“We must all be ready to die for our faith”, but that “to give one’s life does not only mean to be killed”*. - See more at: <http://irishcatholic.ie/article/beatification-oscar-romero-step-closer#sthash.ElbmVtty.dpuf>

ANAM CARA: Monthly Parent Evening on Monday May 25th, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m., Horse & Jockey Hotel. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Exam Prayer

Almighty God, my loving Father, I love you with my whole heart. All truth and wisdom comes from you.

Enlighten my mind so that I may understand clearly and strengthen my memory so that I may remember fully what I study today.

Direct my will so that I may concentrate with attention on all my work.

Forgive my shortcomings and bless my efforts with success in my examinations. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Memorial Mass for Joseph Moore, Stroud, Gloucestershire, formerly St. Brendan’s Terrace, Boherananave, on Saturday next, May 30th @ 6.30 p.m. in Bóthar na Naomh Church. †Bridie Ryan, née Kennedy, Slievenamon Road formerly Upperchurch. †Willie Gaynor, Monadreen. †Maureen Lalor, Hazelwood & Ardeen Nursing Home. †Philp Molony, Ballinahow, Ballycahill. †Paddy Lawlor, Coalbrook. †Fr. Oliver O’Doherty, Huntsgrove Templeberry & St. Flannan’s College, Ennis.