

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505**

**BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.**

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://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.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER:** *Bóthar na Naomh Church* this Sunday at 7.00 p.m. Theme: *'Hope'* in accordance with the Year of Mercy.

**YEAR OF MERCY:** The Door of Mercy will be opened this **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** before the **10.30am Mass** by Archbishop Kieran. Parishioners are invited to assemble in the Cathedral Courtyard for this ceremony, which will include the presentation and blessing of a specially commissioned reproduction of the Year of Mercy logo and motto. The Door of Mercy will be open for pilgrims from throughout the diocese who wish to enter through it, walk prayerfully through the Cathedral to reflect at different designated points upon God's mercy so as to respond to the challenge to be *'Merciful like the Father'*. A Jubilee Year of Mercy prayer leaflet designed to guide each pilgrim has been prepared and will be available at the Door of Mercy.

**CATHEDRAL CRIB:** As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed crib.

**CAROL SERVICE:** Cathedral Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 p.m. We continue this centuries old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour. There will be an opportunity to contribute to our Christmas Cathedral Maintenance Appeal.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Cathedral Tuesday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. which will include Holy Family Prayers and Mass.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** This Sunday (Bambinelli Sunday) the Baby Jesus Figure from our cribs at home will be blessed during all Masses.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** December 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€165,700.50** Amount collected to date: **€115,462.00**. The last envelope in your 2015 Collection Box (Blue envelope: 20-Dec-15). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2015.** With thanks for all your contributions.

**DECEMBER 2015:** Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, List of Priests' Areas, Letter to Parishioners and package containing envelopes for all Church Collections 2016.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** Annual Church of Ireland Candlelight Service will take place in St. Mary's Church this Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** *'Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus'*. (Luke 3:10-18) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email [jwalsh05@eircom.net](mailto:jwalsh05@eircom.net)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2015:

Cathedral: €2,563.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,763.00.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:**

Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Family Mass Committee Meeting.

Tues. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;

Tues. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

**THURLES ROTARY CLUB MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE:** In aid of Nth Tipp Hospice/Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre, Thurles. Sat Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to Christmas Eve (excl. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec). Visit the Thurles Rotary table in Thurles Shopping Centre outside Boots for to remember a deceased family member or friend this Christmas. Write their name on the card and it will be attached to a red ribbon and put on the Christmas tree outside the Cathedral. The blessing of the tree will take place on Sunday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, after the Carol Service. All donations gratefully accepted.

**OUR LADY'S SODALITY:** Urusline Convent Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Mass @ 7.30 p.m.

**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT:** invites all **young adults** between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information or to book your place, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Tel: **00353 (0) 1 6753690**.

**TRÓCAIRE:** Trócaire has launched it's Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. When you buy a Trócaire gift you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

**SCOIL AILBHE CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. in the school hall. A great night of entertainment guaranteed.

**THURLES CHRISTMAS SKYFEST:** Thurles Town Park on Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Fireworks display starting at 18:00 sharp. Christmas Market Stalls, Santa's Grotto, Polar Express Train rides around the park, Fun Fair and Music. Great family day out. Please support. [thurleschristmasskyfest@gmail.com](mailto:thurleschristmasskyfest@gmail.com) for more info.

**THURLES LIBRARY STAFF** invite you to a Free Christmas Coffee morning in the library, on Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Children from the Presentation Primary school will regale you with a selection of Christmas Carols. Come along and celebrate Christmas with us.

**CHRISTMAS AT CABRAGH:** Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Many quality local Stalls – crafts, gifts, food, music and seasonal cheer. Santa arriving at 3.00 p.m. so bring the children. Great family afternoon out.

**SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE:** January Jog on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon in Thurles Crokes Athletics Club. Walk/Jog/Run 6km for Suir Haven. Cost is €10.00, children run for free. For more information call Alison 085 1698625.

**THIRD AGE – SENIOR HELP LINE:** Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444.

**TIPPERARY PEOPLE & PLACES LECTURE SERIES: The Monastic Church in Tipperary 1100 – 1600** by Dr. Tadhg O'Keeffe, UCD, The Source, Tuesday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. As usual all are welcome. For further details contact (0504) 29278.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Noah William Kiely, Elmwood, Dublin Road.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Nuala Purtill, née O'Meara, Galbertstown. †Ann Ryan, Clonoulty, formerly West Gate.