

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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral, Sunday 7.00 p.m. We will walk our pilgrimage path for the Year of Mercy using the leaflet provided at the Door of Mercy.

CRIBS: During the Christmas season you are welcome to visit our cribs in Bóthar Na Naomh Church and the Cathedral to give thanks for God's love and to pray for peace throughout the world.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. Annual Target: **€165,700.50**. Amount collected to date: **€144,297.00**. All outstanding envelopes much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE:

DAILY MASSES: Bóthar na Naomh 10.00 a.m., Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. (Please Note: 8.00 a.m. recommences Monday January 4th 2016).

CONFESSIONS recommence Saturday Jan. 2nd 2016.

NEXT HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY Mass and prayers Tuesday, 12th January 2016.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed Mon. / Tues. Dec. 28th & 29th and Friday Jan. 1st.

DECEMBER 2015: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, List of Priests' Areas, Letter to Parishioners and package containing envelopes for all Church Collections beginning 2nd/3rd January 2016.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, January 1st. Each priest will make arrangements to call over the Christmas period before or after January 1st 2016. Daily Masses (see above) in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers @ 6.15p.m.)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus grew in wisdom, age and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52). If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email jwalsh05@eircom.net.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Krakow, Poland July 25th – 31st 2016. Are you interested in a week of faith and fun that could change your life? Why not represent your parish as a pilgrim at World Youth Day. Contact your local priest or see the poster on the church noticeboard for further information about #WYD#Krakow2016.

SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: January Jog on January 3rd 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.

DÚRLAS ÓG JUVENILE CLUB PROGRESSIVE 25 DRIVE: Sarsfields Social Centre, Wednesday Jan. 6th @ 8.30 p.m. €1,000 in prizes. Teas served.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 19th & 20th 2015:

Cathedral: €2,468.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,007.00.

DEVELOPMENT FUND (*Fund raising target: €2.5m*)

Total Income to November 30th 2015: €2,121,469.00

November Income:	€
Direct Donations	525
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	60
Standing Orders	390
Total November Income	975
Total Income to October 2015	2,120,494
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THANKS

As we near the end of another year we can take account of all the work done in the name of Thurles Parish. Above all, we are grateful for the opportunity to give witness to our Christian faith. We give thanks for the different groups of people who contribute to the life of our parish: Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and their drivers to the sick, Choirs, Folk Group, Organists and Musicians, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Adorers, Readers, Members of Parish Renewal, People & Priests Group, Eco-Spirituality Group, Parish Pastoral Council Working Group, Bóthar na Naomh Funeral Hospitality Group, Altar Societies, Flower Clubs, Jesse Tree Decorators, Crib Builders and those who organised the Carol Service. We appreciate all who help with Sodalties and Confraternities, the selling of Catholic papers and those who help in the cleaning of the Churches. We are very grateful to all who contribute to our Collections including to our Parish Development Plan, for the time given by our Finance Committee, Envelope Distributors, Collectors and Counters. Finally, many families have been bereaved in the past year; we renew our sympathy to them and remember them particularly at this time of year. May the new space we make for Jesus in our hearts continue to grow within us throughout the New Year.

ALADDIN COMMUNITY PANTO: Source Arts Centre Tues. Dec. 29th @ 7.00p.m., Wed. /Thur. Dec. 30th/31st - 2.00p.m. & 7.00p.m. Booking telephone 0504 90204 or www.thesourceartscentre.ie.

CLUB FOR DANCING: New Year's Eve Dancing, Thursday Dec. 31st, Premier Hall– Music by "Checkers". Dancing 9.00p.m – 12.30a.m!

NEW YEARS EVE GALA BALL: Anner Hotel Dec. 31st @ 7.00p.m. Proceeds to family of Grainne Durack Butler. Tickets available at hotel or telephone 087 9774725.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Sun. Dec. 27th, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall. Ceol le Carousell.
LIT TIPPERARY: The popular certificate in Adlerian Psychology and Counselling skills will be commencing the second week of January. Early booking is essential as spaces are limited. Contact Mary @ 087 2524531 for further information.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Patrick McCarthy, Cabra Bridge. †Sally (Sarah) Cahill, née Healy, Padre Pio Nursing Home, Holycross, formerly Ferbane, Co. Offaly & Bray, Co. Wicklow. †Timothy (Tim) Hanrahan, Crosspatrick. †Josephine Burke, née Daly, Dublin, formerly Innisfallen Avenue.