

**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.**

### **The Motto of the Holy Year of Mercy**

**Reflection: “Merciful like the Father”** is the motto of this Holy Year. Day after day, touched by God’s compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others. The motto invites us to follow the merciful example of God the Father who asks us not to judge others or condemn them but to forgive and to show love always.

**Action: Consider forgiving someone this week.**

Lenten Theme: *‘BE people of Mercy’*.

**EVENING PRAYER during Lent in Bóthar na Naomh Church, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.:**

*“We willingly take up our own crosses today and follow you on your journey, walking with you on this pathway of love”.* (Pope Francis)

**MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2016: Usual Daily Mass Times.**

**TRÓCAIRE:** *“Learn to do good, search for justice, discipline the violent, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow.”* Isaiah 1: 10.17. Trócaire’s Lenten campaign 2016 is asking people here at home to join in the fight for justice by supporting Trócaire’s work. The injustices faced by the world’s poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help. To find out more visit [trocaire.org/lent](http://trocaire.org/lent). **Trócaire Boxes available in both Church porches.**

**YEAR OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL:** *“The name of God is mercy”* (Pope Francis). With the opening of Holy Doors in Cathedrals throughout the world, Pope Francis invites us to enter into the mercy of God. The Adult Faith Formation Group are offering a guided pilgrimage tour which passes through four stations in the Cathedral including the Door of Mercy with prayer and reflection each Friday in Lent @ 10.30 a.m. and finishing before 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral. (In the event of a funeral the pilgrimage will be cancelled on that Friday). All welcome.

**PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE:** Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. May people abstain from alcohol and take the short-term Pledge for Lent – make your Lenten pledge by visiting [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

**CATHEDRAL CLEANING:** Volunteers required for sweeping each Tuesday after 11.00 a.m. Mass or after 7.30 p.m. Mass and a general clean up every eight weeks. If you are available please contact the Parish Office.

**FEBRUARY CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. Annual Target: **€165,700.50**. Amount received: **€16,318.50**.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

**Cathedral: €2,278.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,742.00.**

### **UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE**

Mon. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6.00p.m.: Finance Committee Meeting.

Tues. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Wed. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 3.30p.m.: Confirmation Preparation Meeting;

Wed. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.00p.m.: Core Group Meeting.

Thur. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9.00a.m.: ‘Grow in Love’ Parents Programme.

### **UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA**

Mon. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30p.m.: ‘Grow in Love’ Parents Programme.

**ECO TIP:** In his letter to the world, Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks us to be conscious of our impact on the planet. One way to improve our positive impact is to boil **only** as much water is needed for the ‘cuppa/s’. This spares water, energy and money.

**ANNUAL MASS:** For Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul and Benefactors next Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>, Cathedral @ 10.30 a.m.

**MUNSTER RALLY FOR LIFE:** In Cork on February 27<sup>th</sup> in support of the Eighth Amendment upholding the Unborn Child’s Constitutional Protection to Life. Assemble in Grand Parade Cork City at 2pm. Train departs Thurles railway Station at 11.10 am Saturday morning. Other details please contact 086 3150790.

**SCOIL AILBHE OPEN EVENING:** Open Evening in Scoil Ailbhe Thurs. February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7.00p.m. – 8.15p.m. All are welcome to view the school, meet the staff, and sample the atmosphere. For further information contact the school @ 0504 21448.

**RAHEALTHY COMMUNITY CENTRE CAKE SALE:** Friday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, Community Hall, early till late. Vote yes to home baking!

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Screenwriters workshop Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30a.m. – 3.30p.m. Booking essential @ 0504 43211/43879 / 0894626172.

**ORDER OF MALTA:** Basic First Aid course will commence Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m., Order of Malta Training Centre, Boheravooroon. Defibrillator Course will take place on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. Information from 0872390111.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING:** Milford Care Centre on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.** The bereavement information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. The information evening is free.

**OPEN DAY:** Scoil Mochaomhóg Naofa, Two Mile Borris – Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1.00p.m. in school. If your child is turning 5 years old between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 come and visit our school. All are welcome. Contact 0504 44466.

**THURLES DRAMA GROUP:** Presents ‘Portia Coughlan’ by Marina Carr, Feb. 22 – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> in the Source. Information @ 0504 90204.

**CLUB FOR DANCING:** Premier Ballroom Sunday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 9.00 p.m. – midnight. Music by ‘Peter Bourke’.

**INCH DRAMA GROUP** Presents **Troubled Bachelors**, Inch Community Centre, The Ragg, Saturday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> & Mon. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8.15p.m.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary Darmody, 52 Childers Park. Funeral Mass Sunday, Cathedral @ 12 noon. Burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. †Eileen O’Connor, 6 Brittas. †Kitty O’Connor, Monadreen. †Fr. John O’Connell, A.P. Moyne, formerly Caherconlish, Co. Limerick. †Nancy Ryan, Maxfort, Horse & Jockey. †Danny Fanning, London formerly Turtulla. †Mrs. Angela Turrall, née McGrath, England, formerly Croke Street.