

**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.**

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:**

**WEEKDAYS: 11.30 A.M. – 7.30 P.M.; SUNDAYS: 1.00 P.M. – 7.00 P.M.**

### WHAT IS MERCY?

**Reflection:** ‘Be merciful, just as your father is merciful.’ (Lk 6:36)

The word ‘mercy’ speaks of God in relationship with his people, especially the weak, the poor and the sinners. It is the action of God who turns towards those who are suffering, who runs towards those who are in sin, who hears the cry of the poor, who responds to the oppression of his people, who embraces all our poverties including our greatest poverty - death- and raises us up giving us new life.

**Action:** Hear the cry of someone in need of help this week.

**YEAR OF MERCY: 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.00p.m. –**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 6.00p.m.** in the Cathedral of the Assumption, consisting of Eucharistic Adoration with prayers, hymns and reflections upon the theme of Mercy as well as the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYCROSS ABBEY:** Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3.15 p.m. consisting of Stations of the Cross (outdoor – weather permitting) followed by concelebrated Mass led by Archbishop Kieran @ 4.00 p.m. Confessions available.

**YEAR OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL:** The guided pilgrimage which begins at the Door of Mercy continues each Friday in Lent commencing @ 10.30a.m. All welcome.

Lenten Theme: ‘BE people of Mercy’.

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

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

**TRÓCAIRE: Representatives of Trócaire will speak at all Masses next weekend.** Trócaire’s Lenten campaign 2016 is asking people here at home to join in the fight for justice by supporting Trócaire’s work.

**DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION:** Next weekend, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this collection is to enable each parish to contribute to the cost of the administration of the diocese and the church at national level. Target: **€30,828.00.** (Blue envelope: 6-Mar-2015).

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Usual Communion Calls. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30 p.m. (preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15 p.m.).

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** Training on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 8.15 p.m.

**THANKS** to the Children of Thurles who raised €190.00 for Bóthar – a flock of laying hens was purchased with this money. Well done to all involved!

**YOUTH TOGETHER:** Next meeting **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Parish Centre.** 1st years: 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., 2nd & 3rd years: 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. There will be plenty of activity and lots of fun! All 1st, 2nd and 3rd years are welcome.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2016:**

**Cathedral: €2,494.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,205.00.**

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS:** For Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul and Benefactors, Sunday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Cathedral @ 10.30 a.m. Sincere thanks to all our Benefactors.

**ENTERPRISE TOWN EVENT – ST. PATRICK’S COLLEGE: Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>** - arising from the success of the Exhibition we encourage and emphasise the importance of participation of all Groups in the Enterprise Town Event – details at Parish Office.

**THURLES CARERS SUPPORT GROUP:** Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30 p.m., Bowe’s, Friar St. Guest Speaker: Ultan Nesbitt, Gardener. It would be appreciated if all could attend.

**SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE** will host a drop in morning for people with a cancer diagnosis or in recovery of cancer, their family members, carers or friends on Tues. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Information @ 0504 21197.

**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:** Defibrillator Course on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.

**SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE - ST. PATRICK’S COLLEGE:** Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill will give Aoichaint Sheachtain na Gaeilge in St. Patrick’s College on Tues., March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m., followed by a reception. Further information @ LNiCheallaigh@stpats.ie

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL FASHION SHOW:** Sports Complex, Thurs. March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m. Tickets available from school office @ 22291.

**LEUGH N.S. TABLE QUIZ:** Fri. March 11<sup>th</sup>, 8.30 p.m., Hickey’s Pub. Table of 4 - €20.

**FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB:** Flower Arranging Classes, Knights of Malta Hall starting in March. Information from 0504 23394 or 087 9384408. All welcome.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Evening of Music, Song, Story and Dance, Tues. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8.00 p.m. All are welcome, admission is free, donation appreciated.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING:** Wed. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

### UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE

Tues. March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 11.00a.m.:	Adult Faith Formation Group.
Tues. March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir;
Tues. March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6.30 p.m.:	People & Priests Strategy Group Meeting;
Tues. March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8.30 p.m.:	Parents Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Thurs. March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9.00 a.m.:	‘Grow in Love’ Parents Programme.
Thurs. March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6.45 p.m.:	Eco-Spirituality Group Meeting.
Fri. March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6.00 p.m.:	Youth Together.

### UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA

Mon. Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30p.m.:	‘Grow in Love’ Parents Programme.
Wed. March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 7.30 p.m.:	Gaelscoil 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parents Refreshments.
Thurs. March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 8.00 p.m.:	People & Priests Group.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Quinn Breda Corbett, Cluain Glas. \*Ella Sophia Delaney, Cluain Glas. \*Jack Peter Spillane, Drish. \*Elissa Anne Phillips, Two-Mile-Borris.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Catherine (Renee) Fitzpatrick, née Stokes, 16 Matthew Avenue. †Bríd Duff, Merrion Village, Ballsbridge. †Ann Moloney, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.