

**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.**

**YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION: Prayer:** Transform us, O Lord, into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst.

**Reflect:** What does it take to be able to say this prayer with genuine sincerity?

**Act:** Seek out someone you know who is in pain and show compassion and kindness to him/her.

**DEVOTIONS:** Cathedral, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Target: **€161,847.00**. Amount collected: **€20,245.00**. Amount received to date: **€41,513.50**. As always we appreciate your generosity.

**WELCOME** to the *Knights of the Holy Sepulchre* for their Spring Mass which will be our 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday, celebrated by Archbishop Kieran.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:**

Tues. April 12<sup>th</sup>: 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA:**

Mon. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.: Funeral Hospitality Group.

**ACCORD THURLES OPEN NIGHT:** Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Accord House, Cathedral Street, to recruit Facilitators for their marriage preparation courses. If you feel it is time for a new challenge and you are interested in becoming a Facilitator with Accord, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses then please attend the open night. Further information on 0504 22279.

**STUDENT TEACHER EXPERIENCE DAY MIC, ST. PATRICK'S CAMPUS:** Have you ever considered second level teaching as a career? Come along to the Student Teacher Experience Day at Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus Thurles on **Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.** Attend 'taster lectures', learn about the Student Placement Experience, information on our second level teacher education programmes in the areas of Accounting, Business, Irish and Religious Studies. To register email your name, mobile number and school to [paula.hourigan@mic.ul.ie](mailto:paula.hourigan@mic.ul.ie)

**CRIME PREVENTION & INFORMATION/REGISTRATION NIGHT:** For Thurles Town Text Alert in Sarsfield Centre, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m.

**ANNUAL THURLES SQUASH CLUB 5KM FUN RUN/WALK:** Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Golf Club @ 11.00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided and chip timing will also be in use.

**THURLES FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB:** Meeting Tues. April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8.15p.m. Order of Malta Hall. Garden Talk by M. Fitzpatrick, Glen of Aherlow. All welcome.

**COLAISTE MHUIRE CO-ED:** PLC Courses Open Night Thursday 21st April at 7.00 p.m. Offering Fetac QQI Level 5 and 6 full time courses commencing in September. Info @ 21734.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016.**

**Cathedral: €2,378.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,863.00.**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

	2015 €	2014 €	Variation %
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory collection	241,247	212,507	13.5%
Shrines/candles	54,150	58,846	-8.0%
Charity tax refund	25,123	30,672	-18.1%
Parish Centre	12,279	13,462	-8.8%
Other income (including donations etc)	13,622	12,084	12.7%
	<u>346,421</u>	<u>327,571</u>	5.8%
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Salaries	108,640	104,553	3.9%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	40,163	41,894	-4.1%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	32,104	23,588	36.1%
Heating, lighting, phone	53,272	69,495	-23.3%
Parish insurance, rent	26,995	25,791	4.7%
Other expenses	32,336	32,504	-0.5%
Common fund shortfall (collected €165,700)	0	0	0.0%
Other collections shortfall (collected €34,434)	26,274	22,117	18.8%
	<u>319,784</u>	<u>319,942</u>	0.0%
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall) for year</b>	<u>€26,637</u>	<u>€7,629</u>	

The Parish is showing a surplus of €26,637 for 2015 compared with a surplus of €7,629 for 2014 with the gross income up 5.8% to €346,421 (2014 €327,571), thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, in particular, those who contribute by way of the weekly offertory envelopes.

The spend on maintenance, repairs and decoration of €32,104 is after credits of €24,585 for insurance claims.

The collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly to the Common Fund. Our Parish reached its target of €165,700 for 2015, once again reflecting the generous response of Parishioners throughout the year and, in particular, to our special appeal before Christmas. We also had targets for the other collections (Diocesan Needs Appeal, Education of Priests, Peter's Pence and Propagation of the Faith) on which there was a net shortfall of €26,274 (2014 €22,117). All collection shortfalls must be funded out of Parish income.

Funds raised under the Parish Development Plan (Building Fund) are accounted for separately and periodically reported (monthly) in our Parish newsletter.

*We thank sincerely all Parishioners, particularly in these difficult times, for their generous support in so many ways during the past year.*

*Rev. Martin Hayes*

*Rev. Tomás O'Connell*

*22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016*

*Accountants: Patrick C. Horan & Co.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Josephine O'Dwyer, 19 Sean Treacy Avenue. †Thomas Jordan, 29 Kennedy Park. †Mary Stapleton, 5 Stannix Home, Kickham Street, formerly Borrisoleigh. †Cornelius (Connie) Gavin, Baldoy, Dublin formerly Urad, Gortnahoe. †Nora O'Hare, née Mockler, London formerly Brittas.