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. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

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

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

Instruct where necessary. Counsel the doubtful. Comfort the sorrowful. Gently alert a friend to his/her harmful behaviour. Bear wrongs patiently. Forgive all injuries. Pray for the living and the dead.

YEAR OF MERCY- THE FAMILY CHALLENGE: Thurles Parish invites families to take up *'The Family Challenge'* for the Year of Mercy as outlined on our Parish Website. Year of Mercy Logo Stickers for your home and our Diocesan Year of Mercy Bookmarkers are available as part of *'The Family Challenge'* at our **Parish Office.** For further details upon this invitation please visit our website @ www.thurlesparish.ie

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to all the children who received their Confirmation in the parish on Saturday and to their parents and teachers. We thank all who participated in our parish-school-home preparation.

CASHEL & EMLY WORLD YOUTH DAY; Four places have become available for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland from July 25th – August 1st. Please contact Fr. Dominic Meehan, C.C., Templemore @ 085 1111320 for further information.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: God has chosen to dwell with us. How can you best share your gifts to reveal his presence? (Revelations 21:1-5) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email jwalsh05@eircom.net

PALLOTTINE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK; Saturday May 14th, 8.00 a.m. Contact 0504-21202 for information and booking.

PARKINSON'S GROUP ANNUAL MASS: Community Hospital of the Assumption, Friday May 13th @ 5.30p.m. All welcome, new members, family and friends.

CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES FUNDRAISING SOCIAL TEA DANCE: Millenium Centre, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, Saturday April 23rd, 9.30 p.m. - 12.30 a.m. Tickets available on the door or contact Sean 086-8423172.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. April 26th, 11.00 a.m.: Adult Faith Formation; Tues. April 26th, 4.00 p.m. Parish Youth Choir;

Tues. April 26th, 8.30p.m.: Safeguarding Children Committee Meeting.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 15 & 16th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,338.00; **Bóthar na Naomh**: €2,286.00.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN PEOPLE – Apr. 30th/May 1st: Pope Francis asks that we take up this collection as the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine continues with 9,000 dead, 500,000 in urgent need of food and 1.5 million displaced. The greatest need is for health care with 3 million people living in conditions of extreme hardship, most of whom are elderly. Also, one in four children are unable to attend school. The networks of aid groups that are most successful are those of religious organisations, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Therefore, Pope Francis, through the Holy See, is organising aid for the benefit of the whole population, regardless of religious affiliation and asks you to contribute generously.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Thurles and Cabragh 1916, a local perspective, in history, song, and story, Monday April 25th at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Admission is free, donations welcome.

BEALTAINE FESTIVAL 2016 will be launched on Thursday 28th April at 3.00 p.m. in The Source Arts Centre & Library. Everyone is welcome. Numbers are limited so book your place at the Box Office, 0504 90204 by next Tuesday, April 26th.

THURLES LIONS CLUB: Classic & Vintage Car Show, Sunday May 8^{th} , 12 noon -5.00 p.m., Thurles Greyhound Stadium. Children's entertainment. Great Family Fun day out.

BOOK LAUNCH: The Tipperary Launch of Bishop Willie Walsh's autobiography '*No Crusader*' takes place at Damer House Roscrea on Thursday April 28th @ 7.30 p.m. All welcome. To reserve a copy of the book phone Bookworm Thurles 0504 22257.

FAMILY CARERS IN IRELAND are providing the QQI Level 5 Care Skills Module in Clonmel to commence May 4th 2016. For more information contact the training department on 0579370221.

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE: 34/35 Croke Street. Independent & confidential Information & Advice on Rights & Entitlements. Open Monday – Friday, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. & Thursday 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Contact 0761 076510.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Tommy Matthew Quinn, Dún Lia.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Ryan, 41 Monakeeba formerly Bonera, Cappawhite. ♥Michael Farrell, Brownstown Loughmore, formerly Archerstown. ♥Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney, formerly Golden. ♥Brendan Brolan, Straffin, Isle of Skye, Scotland, formerly Bohernanave. ♥Edgar Castella, Kent, formerly Dominican Republic. ♥Martin O'Connell, Pallas St., Borrisoleigh, formerly Ard Mhuire, Thurles. Month's Mind Mass next Friday, April 29th in St. James' Church, Two-Mile Borris @ 8.00 p.m.