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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS COLLECTION: This fund is used to provide priests with in-service training so that they can continue to minister effectively and work with people to enhance the life of our parish communities throughout the diocese. This collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, July 2nd/3rd (Blue Envelope: 3-Jul-2016). **Target: €3,468.15.**

YEAR OF MERCY:

Our works of mercy can become a work of accompaniment and love. It could be providing food or material support to a struggling family, or to provide counsel and guidance in times of doubt and confusion. It could be opening the doors of our homes to a refugee family or speaking the truth where ignorance prevails. It could be visiting the homebound or imprisoned or comforting one who is suffering. Through these visible signs of mercy, we ease the way that is difficult to make alone.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ON LOUGH DERG: Three day Pilgrimage Fri. July 8th – Sunday July 10th. One Day Retreat August 21st. For further details on the travel arrangements contact: Fr. Joe Tynan (Littleton) @ 087 2225445 or Fr. Martin Murphy (Drom) @ 086 3868877. Pope Francis has placed pilgrimage at the heart of the Jubilee Year – come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg – a holy island of deep pastoral care, mercy and renewal.

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

THREE HOUR VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:

Holycross Abbey, Saturday July 16th, 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. commencing with Mass followed by Eucharistic Hour & Marian Hour. All welcome.

JOURNEY INTO AWARENESS: One day workshop in **Glenstal Abbey**, Murroe, Co. Limerick, **July 9th**. An inspirational journey of self-discovery, creative visualization and positive affirmation, based on the works of Anthony de Mello and Jon Kabat-Zinn. Tel 061-367010 • Mobile 085-7032203.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. July 5th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION JUNE 25th & 26th 2016:

Cathedral: €1,981.00; **Bóthar na Naomh**: €1,953.00.

KILLINAN CEMETERY ANNUAL MASS: Friday July 8th @ 8.00p.m. All welcome. ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY ANNUAL MASS: Friday July 22nd @ 7.30 p.m. Our opportunity to gather and pray for our deceased family members and friends.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday, August 7th. Bus from Mockler's Chemist, Liberty Square @ 8.00 a.m.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL: Cistercian College Roscrea from Thurs. July 7th – Sun. July 10th. For young people aged 16 – 35, an opportunity to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,200 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. Donations only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. Information: www.youth2000.ie / 01 6753690.

THURLES SPORTS FEST: July 1st - July 9th 2016. Sports Fest presents The Garth Brooks Experience Live @ The Premier Hall on Saturday July 9th. Doors @ 9.00 p.m. Tickets available on the door or from Bookworm.

EAMOIN AN CHNOIC WALK in memory of Una Tierney, R.I.P., Sunday July 3rd in Upperchurch Village. Registration from 1.30 p.m.: Adults €10; Students €5. Walk at 2.00 p.m. Refreshments in community centre after walk. Proceeds collected being donated to Marymount Hospice Cork. All are welcome.

SUMMER COURSE – READING THE LANDSCAPE: Gaelscoil Bhríde, Mon. July 4th – Fri. July 8th, 9.20 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Further information @ 087 7567273.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us for an evening of Music, Song, Dance & Story Tues July 5th, 8.00 p.m. Admission free, there is a Raffle as part of the evening. **THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB**: Workshop @ 5.30p.m. followed by Ceilí @ 8.00p.m. with *Rise the Dust Ceilí Band* – Band Hall Sunday July 3rd.

COLÁISTE ÉILE: Now enrolling for full time and part time courses in a variety of areas including basic computer skills, ECDL, Occupational First Aid, food & nutrition, Horticulture and others. There are no costs to medical card holders or social protection recipients. Registration will take place on Mon. & Tues., July 4th & 5th from 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the Mandatory QQI Level 5 Care Skills module of the full Healthcare Award in Thurles towards the end of July (based on demand), Patient Moving and handling also provided. If interested kindly contact our training dept. on 0579370221.

SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE: Next clinic on **Monday July 4th** from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., St Mary's Health Centre. This is a free service where you can acquire information regarding hearing loss. Information @ DeafHear.ie Mid-West, Percy Street, Limerick @ 061 467 494.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Prince Angel Geronimo, Rosemount. *Fiadh Marie Hayes, Rathmanna.

RECENTLY DECEASED: PMargaret Hope, Athnid formerly Johnstown, Co.Kilkenny. PGeorge Brereton, U.S.A., formerly Shinrone.