

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

HOUSE VISITATION: A Group of Legion of Mary members from around the country will be visiting Thurles for two full days – **August 8th & 9th 2016**. They will visit as many homes as possible during their stay to promote prayer and invite people to become involved in parish groups including the Legion of Mary. They will host discussions each evening at 8.30 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta on the Sacraments of God's Mercy (Reconciliation) and Eucharist, respectively. They ask for prayers for the success of their visit. A Holy Hour in preparation will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday July 31st from 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

THURLES PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP invite you to Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church in memory of our recently deceased loved ones on Friday, August 5th @ 6.30 p.m. followed by refreshments in Lámh Chúnta.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday, August 7th. Bus from Mockler's Chemist, Liberty Square @ 8.00 a.m. Information & Booking: Jim @ 0504 21260/085 8278014 or Bridget @ 0504 21096.

YEAR OF MERCY:

Reflection: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' (Mt 26:42)

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. It is God's gift of relationship with humanity. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care. It highlights the Communion of Saints in the Church.

Action: Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through bereavement.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ON LOUGH DERG: One Day Retreat August 21st. A bus will leave on Saturday 20th visiting St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. Overnight in the Great Southern Hotel, Sligo and going on to the Island on Sunday morning. Booking by August 1st with a deposit of €105. For further details contact Bridget O'Dea, Loughmore, 086-6792754. Fr. Martin Murphy, 086 3868877. Fr Joe Tynan, 087 2225445. Margaret O'Dwyer, Annacarty, 062 76155. Donal Kennedy, Killenaule, 087 2820046, Brigid O'Driscoll, Pallasgreen, 087 6305889. Maura Ryan, Upperchurch 087 2424033. **(Warm Clothing and Rainwear are essential)** 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION JULY 16th & 17th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,278.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,011.00.

CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Social Tea Dance in Cappawhite Resource Centre, Saturday July 30th, 9.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m. Music by Sam O'Doherty. Admission €8. Tickets available on the door or contact Sean O'Connor 086-8423172 for more information.

GRAVEYARD MASSES: Loughmore, Friday July 29th @ 7.30 p.m. Fennor, Graveyard, Gortnahoe, Thursday July 28th @ 7.30 p.m.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: "Ask and you shall receive: seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email jwalsh05@eircom.net

AWAKENING YOUR SOUL AT GLENDALOUGH: Why not explore the Celtic Spirit of Glendalough, recharge and find peace. For more details visit www.tearmann.ie

DONATIONS URGENTLY REQUIRED: Children's' bicycles, scooters, hula-hoops, toy cars, balls, skipping ropes, etc. – needed for sport activities. Contact Sr. Cáit @ 086 3916800. Must be in good condition.

TIPPERARY COPD SUPPORT: Meeting in the Order of Malta Hall, July 27th @ 7.00 p.m. The aim of the meeting is to establish a support group for COPD sufferers in the Thurles Area. All welcome.

TRIP TO TIPP CYCLE: In Memory of Lorraine Shanahan and in aid of National Council of the Blind, Sunday August 7th from Sarsfields GAA Centre. This year's cycle features 3 brand new routes to suit all levels including a 10k Family Fun Cycle, Run & Walk. Further information from Billy @ 087 9253225.

PETER MCKAY HEART FUND COFFEE MORNING: Sheppard Opticians, Liberty Square, Monday July 25th, from 10.00 a.m. in aid of three year old Peter who is in need of extensive medical treatment and eventually a heart transplant. Monster raffle also on the day. Please support.

THURLES FARMERS MARKET invites you to celebrate its 10 year Anniversary on Saturday July 30th at Thurles Greyhound Stadium from 9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom Sunday July 24th, 9.00 p.m. – 12 midnight. Music by "Checkers".

TIPPERARY TALKING NEWSPAPER: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to recent Church Gate Collection.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE NORTH TIPPERARY is an employment and recruitment service which supports people with an illness, injury or disability to secure and maintain a job in the open labour market. If you would like to avail of our service please contact us at 067 37896/37897.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in your Area, September 2016 based on demand. One Day Topic Specific training programmes also available. To express an interest kindly contact 057 9370221.

LOST: In Clongour/Slievenamon Road area a pair of bi-focal glasses. Please contact Tom @ 087 2131003 if found.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Phyllis Ryan, Fontenoy Terrace, Stradavoher. †Veronica Ryan, née Dobbyn, Foxrock, Dublin, formerly Thurles.