

**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.

**HOUSE VISITATION:** A Group of Legion of Mary members from around the country will be visiting Thurles for two full days – **August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 this Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> from 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.**

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, August 5<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.).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 p.m. followed by refreshments in Lámh Chúnta.

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

**AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION:** Next weekend, August 6/7<sup>th</sup> 2016. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests in the Diocese are paid. Target this year: **€161,847.00**. Amount collected to date: **€74,613.50**. (Purple envelope: 7-AUG-16) We appreciate your generosity.

**RAHEALTY ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS:** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m. If raining Mass will be celebrated in Rahealty Hall.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

**Cathedral: €2,537.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,847.00.**

**DEVELOPMENT FUND** (Fund raising target: €2.5m)

**Total Income to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016: €2,134,394.00**

<b>June Income:</b>	<b>€</b>
Direct Donations	<b>1,040</b>
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	<b>40</b>
Standing Orders	<b>365</b>
Car Park	<b>660</b>
<b>Total June Income</b>	<b>2,105</b>
<b>Total Income to May 2016</b>	<b>2,132,289</b>
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**YEAR OF MERCY:**

**Reflection:** When we think of others before we think of ourselves we become sensitive to the new kinds of poverty in our midst. The poverty of unemployment, emigration and addiction, but also the poverty of loneliness, of lack of hope and of feeling unloved.

**HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ON LOUGH DERG: One Day Retreat August 21<sup>st</sup>.** A bus will leave on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Details: Bridget O'Dea, Loughmore, 086-6792754. Fr. Martin Murphy, 086 3868877. Fr Joe Tynan, 087 2225445. **(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](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Spend your life growing rich in the sight of God. If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888, email [jwalsh05@eircom.net](mailto:jwalsh05@eircom.net) or speak to any priest.

**TIPPERARY VOLUNTEER CENTRE:** Local Thurles not-for-profit Playschool seeking Volunteer childcare assistant for 3 hours per week. Please contact Danielle on 0860481743 or [danielle@volunteertipperary.ie](mailto:danielle@volunteertipperary.ie) for more info.

**DOWN SYNDROME TIPPERARY BRANCH:** Come visit our static cycle in Dunnes Stores Thurles, Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Volunteers and cyclists welcome. Thank you for your support. Contact Catherine @ 086 8890963 for info.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Evening of music, song & story @ 8.00 p.m. Celebration of the Celtic festival of **Lunasa**, Wed. Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8.00 p.m.

**TRIP TO TIPP CYCLE:** In Memory of Lorraine Shanahan and in aid of National Council of the Blind, Sun. August 7<sup>th</sup> from Sarsfields GAA Centre. This year's cycle features 3 brand new routes to suit all levels. Information from Billy @ 087 9253225.

**RTA TRIP TO BELFAST & ARMAGH:** Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. Hotel is in Drogheda. Price: €250 p.p.s. Phone Anne @ 086 2249464 for information & booking.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE**

Tues. August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA**

Fri. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 p.m.: Refreshments after Bereavement Mass.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Molly Kathleen Hackett, Athnid.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Baby Saidbh Matilda Pollard, Devon & Mitchel Street. †Eileen Noonan, née Condon, Cloughmartin. †Paddy Fanning, Borrisoleigh. †Luke Griffin, Bishopstown, Cork, formerly Clongour. †Teresa (Tess) O'Sullivan, Ballinacurra, Limerick. †Michael M. Carroll, Texas, formerly Two-Mile-Borris. **MEMORIAL MASS** next Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon in St James' Church Two-Mile-Borris followed by Burial of Ashes immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.