

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 every 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 – **this Monday & Tuesday, August 8th & 9th**. 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. **The schedule for this Monday and Tuesday includes a Holy Hour from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in Bóthar na Naomh Church.** All are welcome to join in prayer for the success of this parish visitation project.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: We wish a safe journey to all who are travelling to Knock on the Diocesan Pilgrimage this Sunday.

AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION: This weekend, August 6/7th 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.

TEMPLETUOHY CEMETERY MASS: Monday August 15th @ 7.00 p.m. weather permitting. If raining Mass will be in Templetuohy Church.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED: Day of Recollection with Fr. Michael Shields on Tuesday, August 16th at Cuan Mhuire, Ballycarron House, Golden. The retreat will be held from 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Admission is free. Further inquiries @ infor@acnireland.org or phone 01 8377516.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director: joewalsho5@eircom.net or any priest.

THANKS: to everyone who helped make "Eamon an Chnoic Walk" in memory of Una Tierney, R.I.P. such a great success. €6,000.00 was collected and is being donated to Marymount Hospice and Suir Haven.

FOUND: Ladies Gold watch on Slievenamon Road last week. Contact Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION JULY 30th & 31st 2016:

Cathedral: €2,227.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,875.00.

YEAR OF MERCY:

Faith in action

Reflection: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm, and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?"

(James 2:14-16)

Action: What can you share this week?

YEAR OF MERCY LITURGY: Sunday August 7th 2016 – Slievenamon – Stations of the Cross & Mass (gather in O'Donnell's Field, Killusty South) – **1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.** All welcome. "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters." Pope Francis.

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. 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

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

CLONOULTY ROSSMORE ANNUAL VINTAGE RALLY: Clonoulty Village, Sunday August 21st. Fun day guaranteed, all ages catered for. Competition for best vintage dressed man, woman and child. This year we are celebrating 1916 anniversary.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: QQI Level Care Skills module in Thurles on the 09/09/2016 1 day a week for five weeks, Patient Moving and Handling training included, this is one of the mandatory modules off the Full Healthcare Award. To express an interest kindly contact 057 9370227.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom, Sun. August 7th, 9.00 p.m. – 12.00 midnight. Music by Brian McDermott.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA

Mon. August 8th, 8.30 p.m.: Legion of Mary Visitation Discussion night.

Tues. August 9th, 8.30 p.m.: Legion of Mary Visitation Discussion night.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Ava Grace Cullen Gibson, Cabra Court. *Faolán Patrick Quinlan, Australia.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Joe Moloney, 4 Childers Park. †James McCarthy, 7 Oakfield Drive, Cabra. †John Loughman, Levalley, Rathdowney.