

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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

JESSE TREE – We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour at our 10.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. Masses. Volunteers to read reflection can sign up at either sacristy.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Baby Jesus figures from the family crib will be blessed at all Masses this weekend, December 10th/11th.

Dear children, gathered with your families, we ask God to bless your Baby Jesus figures. May the protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect you. The cribs in our homes remind us that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. May Jesus bless us and our families with joy and peace. When we pray at our family crib this Christmas, may we be thankful for the gift of each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATHEDRAL CRIB: As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed crib.

INVITATION TO ‘COME TO THE TABLE’: Archbishop Kieran invites you to read the Bible with the hope of encountering God and coming to understand Jesus in a new way. **Week 3: “Reading the Bible with the Church”, on Tuesday December 13th @ 8.00 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta.**

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sun. Dec. 18th, 7.00 p.m. We continue this centuries old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour. There will be an opportunity to contribute to our Christmas Cathedral Maintenance Appeal.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Cathedral Tuesday Dec. 20th @ 7.00 p.m. which will include Holy Family Prayers and Mass.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Next weekend, **December 17th/18th**. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€161,847.00**. Amount collected to date: **€113,903.50**. The last envelope in your 2016 Collection Box (Purple envelope: 18-Dec-16). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2016.** With thanks for all your contributions.

POST FOR CHRISTMAS: In the coming weeks before Christmas you will receive a Parish Calendar, a Letter to Parishioners, a Brochure of all Parish Groups and a Box of Collection Envelopes for all collections including the Weekly Offertory Collection.

MEET & GREET: Volunteers required to hand out leaflets and welcome people to Mass in Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please give your name and Mass time that suits you to the Parish Centre.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES: Wish to thank sincerely all who contributed to recent coffee morning.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 3rd & 4th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,348.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,890.00.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 13th 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Wed. Dec. 14th, 7.00 p.m.: Eco Spirituality Group

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Tues. Dec. 13th, 8.00 p.m.: ‘Come to the Table’ Scripture Reflection.

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE: Our annual Carols by Candle Light Service will be held in St. Mary’s Church of Ireland Church, Sunday Dec. 11th @ 8.00p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TOY APPEAL: To take part, simply drop off an unwrapped ***new toy*** in collection box at back of church this weekend, **Sat. 10th/Sun. 11th Dec.**

THURLES ROTARY CLUB: Memorial Christmas Tree in aid of North Tipp Hospice/Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre. Visit the Rotary table in Thurles Shopping Centre Thurs. Dec. 15th - Christmas Eve or McKevitt’s Cost Cutter on Sat. Dec. 17th. To remember a deceased family member or friend, write their name on the card and it will be attached to a red ribbon and put on the Christmas tree outside the Cathedral.

MONKS CAROL SINGERS: Will be singing again this year and collecting for charities in the town - all money collected is distributed to the charities. Please support!

CABRAGH WETLANDS TRUST: Hosts **Santa on Dec. 11th 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.** No Booking Necessary. Craft Stands & Children’s Activities. Information @ 43879.

THURLES CHRISTMAS SKYFEST: Sunday Dec. 11th, from 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. in Town park. Christmas stalls, fireworks, Santa grotto, train rides & much more.

FREE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: Wed. Dec. 14th in The Source Library from 11.15 a.m. Pupils from Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary School will sing beautiful carols and hymns. Everybody is welcome.

RECIPE MEMORIES: (A Collection of Recipes & Beautiful Memories) compiled by Eileen Coffey will be launched in the Ursuline Secondary School, on **Thurs, Dec 15th @ 7.30 p.m.** All proceeds from this book are being donated to Thurles Friends of the Community Hospital of the Assumption.

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP & CAROL SINGING in Community Hospital of the Assumption Oratory, Thurles on Friday 16th Dec. @ 6.00p.m. All are welcome.

GOLF CLUB ACCESSORIES BAZAAR: Sunday December 11th, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Great bargains – everything going really cheap!

“HOW TO BE HAPPY AND CONTENT”: Featuring John Lonergan, Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison & Caroline Crotty, Health and Well Being Counsellor and Psychotherapist, in **Holycross Community Centre, Thursday, Dec. 15th @ 8.00p.m.** Free admission and all are welcome.

DON’T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Logan Christopher Ryan, Ard Mhuire.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Kitty Nolan, St. Theresa’s Nursing Home, formerly Kennedy Park. †Aileen Carroll, née Purcell, Hillview Drive. †Alice O’Connell, née O’Gorman, Monslatt, Killenaule. †Angela Kennedy, née O’Gorman, Clondalkin, Dublin, formerly Athnid. †Frank Doyle, Moyneard, Moyne, formerly Coolgrane. †Mick (Michael) Roche, Horse & Jockey, formerly Carrick on Suir.