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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 this Sunday @ 7.00p.m.

FEBRUARY CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Amount received: **€10,290.00.** Annual Target: **€161,847.00.**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2017: All members of our Parish Renewal Group and People and Priests' Group are invited to a meeting **next Wednesday, February 15th @ 8.00 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta** to prepare for the Holy Week Ceremonies. Also an update on Parish Pastoral Council will be provided.

WHAT IS A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Following on from last week's newsletter about the exciting new venture Thurles Parish is undertaking we would now like to explain in more detail what a Parish Pastoral Council is. A Parish Pastoral Council is a faith-filled leadership group through which priests and people work together, as co-responsible partners, in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. Pope Benedict, in looking to improve pastoral structures, noted that it "demands a change in mind-set, particularly concerning lay people. They must no longer be viewed as 'collaborators' of the clergy but truly recognised as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action." Please see next week's newsletter for details of the proposed structure of the PPC.

POPE FRANCIS INVITES US TO CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE'S DAY: In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*), Pope Francis refers directly to St. Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way. Flyers and gift tokens are available at the back of both churches this weekend.

LEGION OF MARY is a movement of lay people who propose to make faith the aspiration of their lives up to the achievement of personal sanctity. It is only 85 years old and it already has three lay members whose cause for canonization has been introduced. Our Lady of Good Council Presidium meets on Tuesdays, Edel Quinn Hall, Lr. Croke St. @ 2.30 p.m. Further info: 087 6690062. All welcome.

ECO TIP: In his letter to all people of good will, Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks us to be conscious of our impact on the planet. One way to help reduce our effect is to run the washing machine or dishwasher only when there is a full load. This is more efficient and reduces energy costs. Eco-Spirituality Group: New members very welcome - phone Louise/Majella (0504)22229. Next meeting Wed. 15th Feb. in Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 4th & 5th 2017:

Cathedral: €3,068.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,870.00.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Feb. 14th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Wed. Feb. 15th, 6.30 p.m.: Eco-Spirituality Group.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Wed. Feb. 15th, 8.00 p.m. Parish Renewal/People & Priests Group.

'COME AND SEE': A Chance to reflect, think, chat and hopefully help answer that 'Call to Priesthood' - Taking place on Friday/Saturday February 17th/18th in Pallottine College, Thurles. Friday dinner at 6.00 p.m., followed by time of prayer. Meet others thinking of Priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion and departure. Advance booking is required: Contact Fr Joe Walsh, Templemore – 086/7714888.

CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISING DRAW: Tickets available from Pierce Murphy @ 087 2024517 and Thomas Callanan @ 0504 21724.

CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Social Tea Dance in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish, Sat. Feb. 18th. Tickets available on the door or contact Sean O'Connor 086-8423172 for more info.

GAELSCOIL BHRÍDE AR SON TRÓCAIRE: Beidh Rang 6, Gaelscoil Bhríde, ag eagrú a nDíolachán Cácaí bliantúil ar son Trócaire ar an Déardaoin seo chugainn, 16ú Feabhra, in halla na scoile ar 10.00rn. Bígí linn!

THURLES FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB A.G.M. Thurs. Feb. 16th, 8.00 p.m., Order of Malta Hall. All members are invited to attend.

PRESENTATION SISTERS & SCHOOL COMMUNITIES THURLES invite pupils, past pupils and friends of the Presentation to the launch of an historical record of **"The Presentation Sisters in Thurles 1817 - 2017"** combined with a Photographic Exhibition on Thursday Feb. 16th at 7.00p.m. in Secondary School Assembly Hall. Photo Exhibition in the Source Library from Feb. 20th.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wed. Feb. 15th, 11.00 a.m. in Order of Malta Rooms, Borroway.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Feb. 27th – March 12th. Details of local events will be announced shortly. "Put Fairtrade in your basket and leave exploitation out".

JUNO & THE PAYCOCK: Nightly at 8.00p.m. by Thurles Drama Group in The Source from Tuesday Feb. 21st – Saturday Feb. 26th. Directed by Margaret McCormack.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT THURLES RAILWAY SHOP:

Volunteers needed to support both our service users and staff in their newsagents which is based in Thurles Station. *Information on our Volunteer Programme* contact Tom Connolly, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Ltd. @ 087-9283425 E-Mail: tom.connolly@lim-docservice.ie.

MENTAL HEALTH TALK WITH A DIFFERENCE: Thurs. Feb. 16th, Racket Hall Hotel, Roscrea @ 7.30p.m. *'Pilgrim Hill'*, 2013 rural drama film will be shown which focuses on an isolated Irish farmer who suffers many stresses in his life. Admission free. All welcome. **It's ok not to be ok!**

MONSTER 25 DRIVE: Castleiney Hall Wednesday Feb. 15th @ 8.30p.m. in aid of Castleiney School. €1000.00 in prizes!

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Evelyn Leona Doyle, Brittas. *Grace Margaret Jordan, Oakfield Drive. *Sophia Rose Norris, Dublin Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Rose Moloney, Killinan. Funeral to Cathedral this Sunday @ 8.00 p.m. Requiem Mass Monday @ 11.00 a.m. followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Mary Mullen, Oristown, Kells, Co. Meath.