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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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday @ 7.00p.m.

LENT 2017:

EVENING PRAYER during Lent in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 7.00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 1<sup>st</sup> - Day of fast and abstinence, we begin the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Evening Mass:

Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30 p.m.; Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m.

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2017: Usual Daily Mass Times.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES available at the back of both churches this weekend.

**LITURGY OF PRAYER FOR THE SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE & THEIR FAMILIES:** Pope Francis has asked that each country set aside a day of prayer (Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>) for those who are survivors and victims of sexual abuse. In the Cathedral of the Assumption on the evening of March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9.00 p.m. there will be a 'Liturgy of Prayer for the Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse and their Families'. The gathering is a Diocesan event and the Diocesan Choir will participate in the Liturgy. All are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Usual Communion Calls. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15 p.m.).

**DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION:** March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this collection is to enable each parish to contribute to the cost of the new necessary pastoral resources for our Diocese. Target: €30,828.00. (Blue envelope: 5-Mar).

**EVENING OF CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS – MEDITATION & HEALING:** Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. The evening will comprise of scriptural meditation, helpful inputs on how we can integrate concepts from mindfulness into our faith in a way that helps us to reduce stress and help us towards wholeness. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan.

**CAMEO CARE TABLE QUIZ:** Mackey's Pub, Bohernanave, Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**URSULINE ALL IRELAND HOCKEY FUNDRAISER:** Past V Present Match, this Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4.00 p.m., Ursuline Grounds. Come along and support!

**SCOIL AILBHE VARIETY EVENING:** Chat, music and craic in Scoil Ailbhe Fri., March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets: €15, available from the school at (0504) 21448.

**BUÍOCHAS Ó GHAELSCOIL BHRÍDE:** Rang 6 sincerely thank all who supported their recent cake sale in aid of Trócaire. €4,500.00 was collected.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 p.m.: Parish Finance Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Mon. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 p.m.: Reflection on the Scriptures for Lent.

Thur. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Evening One.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – THE NEXT STEP:

Over the past three 3 weeks we have been informing you of the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council for Thurles. There will be a series of 4 talks during Lent starting next Thurs. March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lámh Chúnta. Their aim is to open the process to you, the wider community, so that you can be better informed, become involved and have a role regarding the future of Thurles Parish.

**Four (4) Speakers & Titles – Lámh Chúnta @ 7.30 p.m. each Thursday night concluding @ 9.00 p.m.**

- **Thurs. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, S.M.A. – *Laity: the future of Church.*** Installed in Feb. 2015 as Archbishop of Cashel & Emly, Kieran has ministered as Bishop in Killaloe and as a missionary in Africa.
- **Thurs. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>: Martin Kennedy – Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC's) – *examples of good practice.*** A native of Limerick, Martin has pioneered developments in lay ministry in the Irish Church over the last 30 years. Currently, he works with the Irish Church as Pastoral Co-ordinator of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Project.
- **Thurs. Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Noirín Lynch – *Christ alive in us today.*** Noirín is a pastoral worker with Limerick Diocese. She also works as a Cross Professional Supervisor, facilitator and occasionally sings a few songs.
- **Thurs. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>: Sr. Betty Baker – *Clarifying how People and Priests work together using a PPC Model.*** Sr. Betty, a Salesian Sister, has engaged with parishes of the Diocese of Limerick in the setting up of PPC's. We look forward to having her with us.

**HEARING HAPPENING HOPING – PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES FOR LENT:** The recent Bible Study series called 'Come to the Table' which was run throughout the diocese before Christmas proved very popular. To this end, we are delighted to offer a Lenten series called Hearing, Happening, Hoping. It aims to help us to listen more deeply to the Sunday Gospel (Hearing), reflect on what's happening in our lives (Happening) and look forward in hope (Hoping) The programme for Thurles and surrounding parishes will take place in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh on Mondays, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>. Heydi Janeth Espino Mairena from Nicaragua will speak of the benefits of Fairtrade to her, her family and community at LIT Thurles on March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1.45 p.m. All are welcome to this free public event.

**BOOK LAUNCH:** Peg Hanafin's new book 'Never Give Up' will be launched in LIT Tipperary on Fri. March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6.45 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING:** Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2017:

Cathedral: €2,193.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,082.00.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Aaron Paul Egan, Collins Park. \*Jennifer Miriam Lee, Bawntamena.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Brian Maher, Jnr., Oakfield Drive & Lisaroon, Ballycahill. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 11.30 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Bobby O'Brien, Fontenoy Terrace. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral @ 12 noon. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Anne O'Dwyer, née Cahill, Kilrush. †Elizabeth (Betty) Stapleton, née Harold, Kilkillahara, formerly Corbally. Siobhan Costigan, Dun na Rí, Two-Mile-Borris. †Con Ryan, Ballypatrick, Bouladuff. †Kathleen Forrestal née Lanphier, Doncaster, England, formerly Horse & Jockey. †Geraldine Lynch, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.