

PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CC 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.

LENT 2017:

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Sunday @ 9.00 p.m. in Bóthar na Naomh Church.

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2017: Usual Daily Mass Times.

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

LENTEN GARDEN – a visit to the Cathedral Apse will afford the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on our journey through Lent towards Easter.

DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION: March 4th/5th. 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).

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 continues in **Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh on Mondays, Mar.6th & Mar.13th @ 7.00 p.m.**

FAMILY MASS: Saturday March 11th, Cathedral 7.30 p.m. Theme: *Jesus is our Light of Hope.*

EVENING OF CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS – MEDITATION & HEALING: **Wednesday March 15th @ 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 & Pat Sheehan.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Sunday 5th March Blessed Sacrament Chapel @ 3.00p.m.

POLISH MASS: Polska Msza Sw. odbedzie sie w niedziele 12-tego Marca w kaplicy Presentation Convent o godzinie 13-tej. Spowiedz Sw od godziny 12:30. Sun. March 12th, Presentation Convent Chapel at 1.00 p.m. Confessions from 12:30 p.m.

FASHION SHOW: Presentation Secondary School Sports Complex, Thursday, March 9th @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets available from the school office @ 22291.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Mar. 7 th , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir.
Tues. Mar. 7 th , 8.30 p.m.:	Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. Mar. 8 th , 6.30 p.m.:	Eco Spirituality Group.
Thur. Mar. 9 th , 6.30 p.m.:	Safeguarding Committee Meeting.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Mon. Mar. 6 th , 7.00 p.m.:	Reflection on the Scriptures for Lent.
Wed. Mar. 8 th , 7.30 p.m.:	Gaelscoil Confirmation Class Refreshments.
Thur. Mar. 9 th , 7.30 p.m.:	Parish Pastoral Council Evening Two.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – THE NEXT STEP:

We thank Kieran, our Archbishop for his presentation to a full house last Thursday, which led to a lively discussion in which we informed and encouraged each other upon a way forward based upon Jesus’ message and with an openness to using the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) model. Our series of talks during Lent continue next **Thurs. March 9th 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. You are most welcome to join with us as we gather in **Lámh Chúnta @ 7.30 p.m. each Thursday night concluding @ 9.00 p.m.:**

- **Thurs. Mar. 9th: 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. 23rd: 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. 30th: 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 you with us.

ADULT PART TIME COURSES: Coláiste Éile are now enrolling for part time courses commencing in March - ECDL & Advanced ECDL, Occupational First Aid, Digital Photography, etc. Contact Bernie @ 21166 from 10.00 am - 12.30 p.m. Mon – Thurs.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Céili Sunday March 5th @ 8.00p.m., Band Hall.

THURLES SILVER BAND: Tuition for Trombone & Baritone on Wednesday’s @ 6.00p.m. in Band Hall. Contact 087 2965604 for details.

LEONARD-TINNEY DUO: The Source Arts Centre, March 10th @ 8.00 p.m.

TWO-MILE-BORRIS COMMUNITY PLAY GARDEN: Music extravaganza featuring ‘The Tipperary Gospel Choir’, **Two-Mile-Borris Church, Thursday March 16th.** Seated by 7.45 p.m. for concert @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets (€20) from local shops or please contact Mariena on 087 2821755.

THURLES ENTERPRISE TOWN - Bank of Ireland Free Event – March 10th CBS Secondary School Hall, 5.30-p.m. - 9.00p.m. Business Owners/Clubs /Voluntary groups invited to book a FREE stand. Tel 076 6241748 or register in BOI Branch, Thurles.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom, Sun. Mar. 5th. Dancing from 9.00 p.m. – midnight. Music by Peter Burke. **AGM:** Premier Ballroom, Mon. Mar. 6th @ 8.00 p.m.

LEACHT ‘AN GHAELGE I DTIOBRAID ÁRANN 1700 – 1901’: leis an Dr Donnchadh Ó Duibhir in MIC, Campas Phádraig, Durlas ar an Déardaoin, 9ú Márta, 1.00-2.00 i.n.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 25th & 26th 2017:

Cathedral: €2,574.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €2,120.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Grace Carmel Hogan, Tonagha. *Brian John Loughnane, Caisleán Cúirt.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Mary Ryan, née Commins, Tonagha. †Brenda Fogarty, Cluain Glas. †Siobhan O’Brien, Castle Avenue. †Ger Ryan, (Cooper), Clonoulty & Cashel Community School. †Martin Hynes, Loughmore. †Mary Byrne, née Murphy, London formerly Kickham Street. †Padhraic Moran, Corbally, Limerick & Ballybunion, Kerry. Reposing at Thompson’s Funeral Home, Thomas Street, Limerick, this Sunday from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m. Requiem Mass this Monday @ 12.30p.m., St. John’s Church, Ballybunion. Burial in adjoining cemetery.