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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.

LENT 2017:

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

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2017: Usual Daily Mass Times.

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

TRÓCAIRE BOXES At the back of both churches this weekend. Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2017 focuses on the millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophe because of extreme weather or conflict. With the support of people in Ireland, Trócaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, FRIDAY MARCH 17th – USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Cathedral: Thursday: 7.30p.m.; Friday: 8.30a.m.; 10.30a.m.; 12 noon.

Bóthar na Naomh: Thursday: 6.30p.m.; Friday: 9.30a.m. & 11.30a.m.

DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Amount received: €3,990.00. Target: **€30,828.00.**

HEARING HAPPENING HOPING – PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES FOR LENT: 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 conclude next **Monday, March 13th** in **Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh @ 7.00 p.m.** and we plan to continue in this our parish for the Mondays of Lent.

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.

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Information leaflets are available in both churches upon how we can become involved in the preparations, that are currently underway, for this event.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD: Closing date for the 2017 Pope John Paul II Awards is March 31st 2017. Return to Diocesan Office or contact Fr. Vincent Stapleton @ 22042 (leave a message).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 4th & 5th 2017:

Cathedral: €2,323.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,905.00.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – THE NEXT STEP:

We give thanks for Martin Kennedy's work with us on last Thursday, highlighting: the invitation of Pope Francis, the reality of Church of the past and a way forward using the PPC model. Our series of talks during Lent continue on **Thurs. March 23rd in Lámh Chúnta.** You are most welcome to join with us as we gather in **Lámh Chúnta @ 7.30 p.m.** (concluding @ 9.00 p.m.) on:

- **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.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE THURLES; Three Hour Vigil in honour of the Feast of the Annunciation in the Pallottine Chapel, Friday March 24th commencing at 7.30 p.m. with Eucharistic Hour. Concluding with Mass @ 9.30 p.m. All welcome.

TRAINING INFORMATION MEETING: To enable pro-life volunteers to distribute information leaflets in their parishes with a view to protecting unborn human life will be held in the Parish Centre, Friar St., Cashel next Tuesday March 14th @ 7.30 p.m. Further enquiries to 0863150790. All invited to attend

ADULT PART TIME COURSES: Coláiste Éile are now enrolling for part time courses. Contact Bernie @ 21166 from 10.00 am - 12.30 p.m. Mon – Thurs.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: Fri. March 17th @ 3.45 p.m. from Abbey Road, Thurles to enter Liberty Square for 4.00 p.m. This year's theme is a sporting one "*Sporting Heroes throughout the Ages.*"

THURLES FLOWER CLUB: Garden Talk by Mary Keenan, Gash Gardens, Castletown, on Tuesday, March 14th @ 8.15 p.m. in Order of Malta Rooms, Borroway. All welcome.

THURLES SILVER BAND: Tuition for Trombone & Baritone on Wednesdays @ 6.00p.m., Band Hall. Contact 087 2965604 for details.

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.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION: Sincere thanks to all who so generously supported/volunteered for our Collection last weekend. €1,345 was raised.

HOMESTAYS NEEDED: For the participants in this year's national ***Cycle against Suicide*** who will peddle into Thurles on Thurs. May 4th. Approximately 250 homestays are needed with an evening meal, bed and breakfast. If you can offer a homestay please text/phone Siobhán Ryan (Rathcannon, Holycross) @ 0861900531.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

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

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Mon. Mar. 13th, 7.00 p.m.: Reflection on the Scriptures for Lent.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Hazel Grace Copeland, Mullingar.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Sadie Kelly, née Ryan, Leugh. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church at 11.30 a.m. Burial in Killinan Cemetery. †Michael Maher, 'Roselawn', Bawntameena, Racecourse Road. †Tom Fanning, Glenbane, Holycross. †William Egan, Cregane, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork. †Edward (Ned) Roarke, Moate, Co. Westmeath.