

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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, April 7th. 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.).

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to all the children who received their Confirmation in the parish on Saturday and to their parents and teachers. We thank all who participated in our parish-school-home preparation.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Meeting after 6.30p.m. Mass Friday April 7th in the Church.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION: Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the *world meeting of families* from August 21st – 26th 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is underway. Hosting this event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. A national collection will be taken up as a Second Collection at all Masses this weekend, April 1st & 2nd.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sunday April 2nd @ 3.00 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. Apr. 3 rd , 3.00 p.m.:	Stations of the Cross Committee.
Mon. Apr. 3 rd , 4.00 p.m.:	Bereavement Support Group.
Mon. Apr. 3 rd , 6.30 p.m.:	Parish Pastoral Council Working Group
Tues. Apr. 4 th , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir.
Tues. Apr. 4 th , 8.30 p.m.:	Parent's Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. Apr. 5 th , 6.30 p.m.:	Eco Spirituality Group.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meeting Wednesday April 5th 11.00a.m. Order of Malta Rooms.

STUDENT TEACHER EXPERIENCE DAY: Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles – Sat. April 8th, 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Attend 'taster lectures', learn about the Student Placement Experience and more! To register, email your name, contact details & the programme you are interested in to paula.hourigan@mic.ul.ie.

REFRESH THURLES: Invites all to a Public Meeting in Hayes Hotel, Wed. April 5th @ 7.30 p.m. Volunteers needed for Tidy Towns activities. Contact: 087 2701689.

FOUND: Two sets of Keys; Mans Gold Watch. Contact Parish Office for details.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: Monday, April 3rd @ 7.30 p.m.

ALL SHOOK UP: Presented by Thurles Musical Society in the Premier Hall from Tuesday April 4th – Saturday April 8th @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets @ Hickey's Pharmacy.

THURLES CEIL AND SET CLUB: Sunday April 2nd @ 8.00 p.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 25th & 26th 2017.

Cathedral: €2,323.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,881.00.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – THE NEXT STEP: All PPC presentations can be viewed on our parish website (www.thurlesparish.ie) or DVD's of each presentation can be ordered through the Parish Office. A word of thanks to all who attended the presentations and participated in the discussions which has deepened our understanding of the role of a PPC in our parish. The nomination process began during our last presentation (Mar.30th) and we now invite parishioners to complete the accompanying Nomination Form, if they so wish.

THURLES PARISH NOMINATION FORM

For our **Parish Pastoral Council**

2017 – 2020

After prayerful reflection I nominate the following parishioner for consideration for membership of our new Parish Pastoral Council.

Name:..... Telephone:.....

Address:.....

OR

I now wish to submit my own name, as provided below, for consideration for membership of our new Parish Pastoral Council.

Some Qualities/Gifts that they (or I) will bring to the Council:

A person of prayer ☐ Willing to learn ☐ Reaches out to others ☐

Enthusiastic for the Parish ☐ Easy to work with ☐ (Please tick)

Other skills not listed:

My Name:..... Telephone:.....

Address:.....

We thank you for participating in the nomination process. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to select those best suited, at this time, for the Parish Pastoral Council.

Thurles Parish Pastoral Council Working Group

Completed forms can be returned to the boxes marked 'Parish Pastoral Council Nomination Forms' in both churches this weekend and in the Parish Centre before **5.00 p.m. on Monday next, April 3rd 2017**. All persons so nominated will be invited to participate at a PPC Discernment Meeting on **Tues. April 11th 2017 @ 8.00 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta** during which the inaugural Thurles Parish Pastoral Council will begin.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Theo Ruth, Waterford.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Bridget Murphy, née Corbett, Fontenoy Terrace, formerly Knockaun, Upperchurch. †Simon Mills, Glenreigh, Holycross. †John Sweeney, Carrigart, Co. Donegal. †William (Bill) Butler, Mullingar. †Mary Walsh, née Barry, Coolcappa, Co. Limerick.