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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: No Devotions this Sunday December 3rd.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Friday, December 8th:

MASS TIMES: Cathedral: Thursday: 7.30 p.m.; Friday: 8.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church: Thursday 6.30 p.m.; Friday: 10.00 a.m.

ADVENT: Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev.3:20) In total reality, he comes in the form of a human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour, as the one through whom God calls you and speaks to you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Celebrating Advent means being able to wait.

“WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE” Join us for Evening Prayer **Sunday Dec. 10th in Bóthar na Naomh at 7.00 p.m.**, as we walk the path of Advent towards the birth of our Saviour at Christmas.

JESSE TREE: As we prepare for Christmas we decorate the Jesse tree. We are reminded of the beauty of creation. May our relationship with God grow during this Advent. We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour during our Advent Masses.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure of their family crib for a blessing to the **Family Mass next Sat., Dec. 9th, Cathedral 7.30 p.m.** All families welcome.

COLLECTION ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION: A meeting to organise distribution of envelopes will be held in the *Parish Centre, Monday 4th December*. We invite current envelope distributors (those who delivered previously) to attend at **7.30 p.m.** and all the new volunteers to attend at **8.00 p.m.** If you cannot attend the meeting but are available to distribute envelopes, please phone the Parish Office before the meeting so that arrangements can be finalised. We thank you for your valuable cooperation in this vital necessity.

ANNUAL CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: St. Mary’s Church of Ireland Church, Sunday Dec. 10th @ 8.00 p.m.

TIPPERARY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP CAROL SINGING: Upperchurch/Drombane Youth Choir at the Hospital of the Assumption, Thursday Dec. 14th at 5.15 p.m. All are welcome.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES: Christmas Mass Monday Dec. 4th @ 8.00 p.m

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. Dec. 6th @ 8.30p.m. Christmas Hamper Draw.

GALA CONCERT

THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd in the **Cathedral at 8.00 p.m.** Thurles Cathedral Choir with Clonmel Concert Orchestra. A beautiful programme of sacred and classical music. Admission Free. Donations gratefully appreciated and surplus to Cathedral upkeep.

SEINN CASHEL AND EMLY is a project promoting and encouraging liturgical music in secondary schools. 635 students from 13 schools from across the diocese including Thurles will raise their voices and their hands in the **Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, on Wednesday next, December 6th, at 7.30p.m.** If you are a lover of music, the Cathedral of the Assumption is the place to be at 7.30p.m. on December 6th. “*All are welcome*” to “*lift your voices to the sky! Raise your hands and lift them high.*” No admission. Donations will be accepted and will go towards funding youth ministry projects such as Seinn in the diocese.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION November 25th & 26th 2017:

Cathedral: €2,216.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,915.00

POLISH MASS: Presentation Convent, next Sunday Dec. 3rd @ 1.00 p.m.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Blessed Sacrament Chapel this Sunday December 3rd at 3.00 p.m.

LIAM LAWTON “O HOLY NIGHT”: Sacred Heart Church, Upperchurch on Saturday December 9th @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20 available in the Parish Centre

SCOIL MHUIRE PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL: Christmas Fair on Sunday Dec. 3rd, School Hall, 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. All welcome.

SCOIL AILBHE COFFEE MORNING: Friday December 8th, 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

I.C.A. MEETING: Wednesday Dec. 6th, Band Hall @ 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

CEIL & SET CLUB: Sunday Dec. 3rd, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall. Ceol le Taylors Cross.

MO CHARA CAKE SALE outside The Cathedral this Sunday December 3rd.

25 CARD GAMES: Classes Tuesday Nights at 8.00 p.m. in Rahealty Hall. Come along and enjoy the night. Contact Suzanne @ 086 1233080 or Noel @ 086 8046677

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. Dec. 4th, 7.30p.m.: Christmas Envelope Distribution Meeting.

Tues. Dec. 5th, 4.00 p.m.; Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. Dec. 5th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents’ Baptism Preparation Meeting.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA

Tues. Dec. 5th, 7.30p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the people of Thurles, the Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend our heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes to Niall O’ Riordan who will be ordained to the Priesthood in Rome next Friday December 8th. Niall will be ordained into the Order of the Family of Mary and our prayers go with him as he embarks on a new life of Ministry. We congratulate his parents, Dan and Imelda, and his brothers and sister on this joyous occasion. Niall will celebrate his First Mass in Thurles on Sunday, January 14th at 12 noon in the Cathedral. On this special occasion it would be wonderful to see the parish out to support Niall as a newly ordained priest.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Matthew Thomas Stapleton, Upperchurch.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Willie Maher, Brisbane, Australia formerly Kennedy Park. Arriving at Cathedral Saturday Dec. 2nd @ 8.30 p.m. Funeral Mass Sunday 12 noon followed by burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. †Tony Donnelly, Childers Park. †Catherine (Kay) Lawlor, Rahealty. †Michael Fewer, The Mall. †Larry Kenehan, Bayview Rise, Ballybane, Galway, formerly Sean Treacy Avenue. †Maria O’Grady, née Anderton, Killeens, Ballynonty. †John Gough, Ballymore, Gooldscross, Cashel.