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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.

“WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE” Join us for Evening Prayer this 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. May our relationship with God grow during this Advent. We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour during our Advent Masses.

CHRISTMAS 2017:

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday Dec. 17th, 7.00 p.m. We continue this century old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES

EVENING OF FORGIVENESS: Take time to “Come and make your Peace” in the Cathedral Monday Dec. 18th. Confessions from 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
Cathedral: Saturday Dec. 23rd all day from 11.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Cathedral: Christmas Eve: 8.30 p.m.; Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Christmas Eve: Children’s Mass: 6.30 p.m. Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 16th/17th. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last clergy collection for 2017 and we would like to say a very big thanks to all who contributed during the year. Parish commitments, financial and otherwise continue to grow and thanks to the huge generosity of you, the parishioners, we met our target last year. If we are left with a shortfall it must be made up from parish funds. This year’s Target: **€154,140.00**. Amount collected to date: **€114,039.00**. **Please give as generously as you can and while we appreciate that this is a demanding time of the year for all, every little helps.**

DECEMBER 2017: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Letter to Parishioners and a package containing envelopes for all Church Collections 2018 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 6/7 2018. A very big thank you to all the new volunteers and to everyone who collected envelopes last week. Some envelopes remain to be collected and a few areas still need to be covered. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 2nd & 3rd 2017:
Cathedral: €2,684.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,000.00.

THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The P.P.C. on behalf of the people of Thurles would like to express our sincere thanks and praise to all involved with the **Cathedral Choir Gala Concert**. We were very proud of the depth of talent displayed from our parish. We would like to share some of the many amazing comments we have received since: “*A memorable night for all*”; “*A great atmosphere and a great event*”. “*Superb orchestra and a powerful combination with the Cathedral Choir*”; “*As the final bars of the Battle Hymn blended, voices and instruments, our hearts soared to the beautiful ceiling of the Cathedral – a building built to enhance music.*”

The P.P.C. wish to acknowledge the display of upcoming talent in our Diocese demonstrated so wonderfully at the **Seinn** Diocesan Concert last Wednesday evening. Congratulations to all involved in such an enriching and uplifting event.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TOY APPEAL: Christmas is a cruel time if you are struggling or in need. We are keen to support the SVP in their Toy Collection this Christmas. To take part, simply drop off an unwrapped new toy in the collection box that will be provided at the back of both churches on any of the following dates; **Sat/Sun December 9th & 10th; Sat/Sun December 16th & 17th.**

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.

CAROL SERVICE & COFFEE MORNING: The Source Library for a free Coffee Morning & Carol Service, Fri. Dec. 15th, 11.15 a.m. Children from the Presentation Primary school will be regaling us with a selection of Christmas Carols on the day.

THE MONKS CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS in association with the Monks Golf Society will be Carol Singing in Thurles again this year in the lead up to Christmas in Aid of Local Charities in the Town. We would gratefully appreciate your support at this time of great need. All monies donated is given to the charities.

COME LISTEN TO THE BAND: Silver Band Playing Christmas Carols in the Band Hall Mon. Dec. 11th @ 7.00p.m. with a cuppa. Band resumes January 8th.

BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. Dec. 13th @ 8.30p.m. Christmas Hamper Draw.

COLÁISTE ÉILE FULL TIME & PART TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS: Now enrolling for courses commencing in January. Details from Bernie at 0504 21166 between 10.00 a.m./ & 12.30 p.m. Mon – Thurs.

ST. BRIGIDS & JOSEPHS RESIDENTS COMMITTEE: Annual Children’s Christmas Party, Sarsfields, Fri. Dec. 15th 7.30p.m. – 9.30p.m. To continue with the Development of the parks members are urgently needed. Contact Martin 086 8806277, Karen 086 0759723 or Ann Marie 087 7734296.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Christmas Party Sunday 10th, 9.00 – 12 midnight.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wed. Dec.13th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

AN EVENING WITH JAMES KILBANE: Sun. March 4th 2018, S.S. Joseph & Bridget’s Church, Bóthar na Naomh. Tickets available in January.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 12th, 4.00 p.m.; Parish Youth Choir.
Wed. Dec. 13th, 7.30p.m.: Eco Spirituality Group Meeting.
Fri. Dec. 15th, 6.00p.m.: Youth Together.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Páidí Tomás McGee, Caislean Cuir. *Éilidh Anna Ó Grady, Melleray, Loughtagalla. *Caoimhe Bridget Maher, Leugh.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Maevae Maher, née Stakelum, Glenreigh, Holycross.