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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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. NIALL

We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes to Fr. Niall O' Riordan who was ordained to the Priesthood in Rome, on Friday December 8th 2017. **Fr. Niall will celebrate his First Mass in Ireland here in the Cathedral of the Assumption, on Sunday January 14th at 12 noon.** Niall has joined the community of the Family of Mary and following the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday the priests from the community of the Family of Mary will be available to hear confessions until 11.45 a.m. After the celebration of Fr. Niall's First Mass all are invited for **Refreshments in the Sarsfields Centre.** Fr. Niall will conduct **Evening Prayer in Bóthar na Naomh Church at 6.00 p.m. after which he will impart First Blessings.** Confessions will also take place during Evening Prayer. An open invitation is extended to all to Fr. Niall's First Mass and the Evening Prayer. Please join in this very special occasion for Thurles Parish and support Fr. Niall as a newly ordained priest. Be assured of a warm welcome! We congratulate Fr. Niall's parents, Dan and Imelda, and his brothers and sister on this joyous celebration. Our prayers go with him as he embarks on a new life of Ministry in Slovakia.

"I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Is. 49:6)

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m. There will be **NO DEVOTIONS** in the Cathedral next Sunday, January 14th as Fr. Niall O'Riordan will conduct Evening Prayer in Bóthar na Naomh at 6.00 p.m.

PARISH CRIBS: We invite you to visit our cribs in Bóthar na Naomh and the Cathedral during the Christmas season.

CONFESSION TIMES: Please Note: From January 2018 Confessions will take place on **Saturdays only** from 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. This new schedule will commence on Saturday, January 13th.

THURLES ROTARY: Thank all who supported the Hospice/Suir Haven Remembrance Tree before Christmas. The remembrance cards will be brought to the altar and blessed during **7.30 p.m. Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, this Saturday, January 6th.**

INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Blessed Sacrament Chapel this Sunday, January 7th @ 3.00 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:
Tues. Jan. 9th, 7.30 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY SERVICE: The Parishioners of St. Mary's Church of Ireland invite you to start the New year with a Service of Music for the Epiphany in St. Mary's Church Sunday, January 7th @ 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

AN EVENING WITH JAMES KILBANE: Sunday March 4th 2018, S.S. Joseph & Bridget's Church, Bóthar na Naomh. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Concert at 8.00 p.m. Tickets now available in the Parish Office and Bookworm, Liberty Square.

CLIMATE REALITY: Saturday Jan. 13th Eoin Campbell, Climate Reality Leader, will host a workshop at **Cabragh Wetlands Centre.** He will give the presentation on the most important crisis of our time, Climate Change. It will include a 20-minute power point, followed by a 20-minute discussion. Light refreshments will then be served. Participants on the day will also be offered a guided tour of the new cosmic walk at Cabragh. Admission free. Donations to defray expenses gratefully received.

ANAM CARA TIPPERARY: Parent Evening Monday Jan. 15th, 7.30 p.m.- 9.00 p.m. in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. Anam Cara Tipperary offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether recent or not.

DÚRLAS ÓG JUVENILE CLUB PROGRESSIVE 25 DRIVE: Sarsfields Social Centre, Wednesday January 10th, 8.30 p.m. Tickets: €10. €1,000 in Prizes.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Ceili Sunday Jan. 7th at 8.00 p.m., Band Hall.

TIPPERARY ETB: Healthcare Support Award Level 5(evenings) in Thurles town. If you are interested, please contact 052-6125880 or email: mmaher_2@tipperaryetb.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 30th & 31st:
Cathedral: €3,408.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €2,008.00.

New Year Prayer

*Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.*

*We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we
praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.*

Remember us, O God:

from age to age be our comforter.

*You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.*

*Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.*

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Robyn Kate Dunne, Slievenamon Meadows.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Johanna (Hannah) Cullagh, St. Mary's Avenue. †Jack (Jackie) Gleeson, Ballyroan, Borrisoleigh and Padre Pio Nursing Home, Holycross. †Patti Cooney, née Fanning, Galboola, Littleton. †Nina McEntee, Baltinglass. †Maura Williams, England formerly Mountrath.