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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.

Pallottine College Chapel: Sunday & Weekday Masses @ 10.00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Weekdays: 11.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.; Sundays: 1.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

MAY EVENING PRAYER: Cathedral this Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION: August 21st – 26th 2018. Thurles Parish collection will be taken up as a Second Collection at all Masses this weekend, May 5th & 6th. Thanks for your continued generosity.

THURLES PARISH SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday May 13th: Gaelscoil Bhríde - Bóthar Na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.

Sunday May 20th: Scoil Mhuire Pres. Primary School - Cathedral @ 10.30a.m.

Sunday May 20th: Scoil Ailbhe - Bóthar Na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.

Sunday May 27th: Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary - Cathedral @ 10.30a.m.

Sunday May 27th: Rahealty National School - Cathedral @ 12 noon.

In the interest of the sacredness of the ceremony and Children First Guidelines we ask you to refrain from photography and videography during all our First Communion Ceremonies over the next few weeks.

PHIL COULTER - CATHEDRAL ECHOES - *Tickets now available in the Parish Centre, Cathedral Street and Bookworm, Liberty Square.* Enjoy an evening with the internationally renowned composer and musician Phil Coulter in the **Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on Friday September 28th.** This event will mark the beginning of our fundraising for the Cathedral re-roofing project. **Ticket Donation: €35.00.**

FAMILY MASS: Saturday May 12th, Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Blessed sacrament chapel this Sunday @ 3.00p.m.

MAY ROSARY: Lough Grotto every evening @ 7.30p.m.

THREE HOUR VIGIL: In honour of our Lady of Fatima Pallottine Chapel Monday May 14th 7.30p.m. – 10.30p.m. All are welcome.

PALLOTTINE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Saturday May 19th – Bus leaving Pallottine at 8.00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL FLOWERS: Volunteers required to help with flowers in the Cathedral. Contact the Parish Office @ 0504 22229.

TIPP BRANCH OF PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND: Annual Mass in the Community Hospital of the Assumption Chapel on Friday May 11th @ 5.30 p.m. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

POLISH MASS: Sunday, May 13th @ 1 p.m., Presentation Convent Chapel. Confessions from 12:30p.m. **Polska Msza** Sw. odbedzie się 13 maja o godz 13-tej w kaplicy Presentation Convent. Spowiedz Sw. od godziny 12:30.

CHARITY SUMMER BRIDGE: Monday May 7th @ 7.30p.m., Anner Hotel.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION APRIL 28th & 29th 2018:

Cathedral: €2,458.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,060.00.

Our Parish, Our Future, Your Say Listening Evening

The Parish of Thurles is looking anew at preparing for the future needs of our community. This is a planning process that is best taken together, talking to one another and listening to each other's opinions, concerns and hopes for the future. To help begin this journey we extend an open invite to all to come to a **"Listening Evening" in The Premier Hall on Tuesday, 8th May at 8pm.** Come along and express your concerns and hopes for the future of our Faith Community in a warm and welcoming atmosphere; consider where we put our energies for the future and help make the Church work better for you and your family. This will be a night of friendly chat and ideas shared. A cup of tea will be provided at the end of the night. **In preparation for our Listening Evening we are delighted to welcome back Fr. Martin Hayes, former Thurles Parish Administrator, in his new role as Diocesan Director for Pastoral Planning and Development, to speak to us at all Masses this weekend. Céad Míle Fáilte Fr. Martin.**

LOUGH DERG 2018: Retreats continue from May 6th. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518.

THURLES CÉILI & SET CLUB: 28th Anniv. Céili Sun, May 6th Band Hall, 8.00p.m.

MO CHARA CAKE SALE: This Sunday 6th May after 10.30am & 12 noon Masses.

THURLES FLOWER CLUB: Flower Demonstration by members next Tuesday, May 8th @ 8.00 p.m. in Order of Malta Rooms. All welcome.

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AS WE AGE: Free 'TEA DANCE', Anner Hotel, Wed. May 9th, 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

ROSARY AND THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY for the protection of all life at the Sacred Heart Statue, Liberty Square at 12 noon, every Friday until May 25th.

ROSARY & MASS: Pallottine Chapel Tuesday May 8th for the Protection of 8th Amendment. Celebrant: Fr. Brendan Walsh.

STAND UP FOR LIFE: The final rally to show our support for the 8th Amendment will take place on **Saturday May 12th Merrion Sq. Dublin @ 2.00p.m.** The event will be preceded by a large canvass event across Dublin from 11.00a.m. – 1.00p.m. The 8th Amendment has saved tens of thousands of lives. The rally will demonstrate all that is great about Ireland's 8th Amendment and showcase the many reasons why we should **vote NO** to abortion on May 25th. **Bus from the Cathedral Thurles @ 10.00a.m. Saturday May 12th – phone 0504 22114 or 087 6598159 to reserve a place.**

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION VIGIL: For the Protection of the Unborn in the **Cathedral of the Assumption commencing Friday May 18th @ 7.30 p.m.** with Mass. Vigil will conclude with Mass on Saturday May 19th @ 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

ECO TIP: In his letter to the world, Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks us to be conscious of our impact on the planet and to protect all life. *"How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?"* - Laudato Si paragraph 120. **Vote NO** to abortion.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Casey David O'Dwyer, Ikerrin Court.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Anne Hawtree, née Grogan, England formerly Butler Ave.