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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.

**DEVOTIONS:** No Devotions in the Cathedral this Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF THE ASSUMPTION:** Weekday Masses recommence Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019. Monday – Friday: 1.00 p.m.; Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

**HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY MASS: Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.**

**FAMILY MASS:** Cathedral next Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS AFTER CHRISTMAS:** Confessions recommence in the Cathedral on Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

**CHARITY TAX REFUND:** Thurles Parish can benefit further from the Charity Tax Refund Scheme which is relevant to parishioners who are taxpayers (PAYE & Self Assessed). If you have paid €250 or over to our Parish Collections and have not filled in a CHY3 form, please call in to Parish Office for a Charity Tax Refund form. Envelopes still available at the back of both churches.

**THURLES ROTARY:** Thanks to all who supported the Hospice/Suir Haven Remembrance Tree at the table in the Shopping Centre. The red Bows were hung on the tree outside the Cathedral and the cards will be brought to the altar and blessed during **7.30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Feast of the Epiphany), this Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**PALLOTTINE FATHERS:** Church Gate Collection this weekend Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please support.

**ACCORD COUNSELLING SERVICE:** Accord offers a professional and confidential service facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage relationship. Accord Counsellors are trained to the highest professional standards. Accord training is accredited by the National Association of Pastoral Counsellor and Psychotherapists. To arrange an appointment contact **0504 22279**.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Volunteer Drivers needed for Saturdays when available – one hour only. Please phone 0504 22169 for further details.

**THURLES MUSICAL SOCIETY:** Rehearsals for *Michael Collins – A Musical Drama* begins on Tuesday night next January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. in the Ursuline Secondary School. All are welcome.

**CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE:** Second Floor, Centra, Mall House, Slievenamon Road. Independent & confidential Information & Advice on Rights & Entitlements. Contact 0761 076510.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:**

Tues. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.  
Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.: Eco-Spirituality Group Meeting.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2018:**  
Cathedral: €3,450.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,023.00.

**THURLES SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB:** A.G.M. in Arch Bar, Wednesday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. **BASKETBALL** resumes on Wednesday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> in Sarsfields Centre.

**CEILI & SET CLUB:** First Ceili for 2019 on Sunday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Band Hall @ 8.00 p.m.

**BINGO:** Premier Hall Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30 p.m.

**DURLAS ÓG:** Progressive 25 Card Game in Thurles Sarsfields Centre Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30 p.m. €1,000.00 Prize Money. Tea and Raffle on the night. Thanks for your support.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The word epiphany means 'manifestation', and the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is a celebration of the first two occasions on which it became evident that Jesus was not just an ordinary man, but that He was the Son of God. The first time that this was revealed was when the wise men (magi) from the East came to worship Jesus; the second occasion is the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. In the Roman Catholic rite, Epiphany is the day on which we commemorate the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. We learn from the magi that if we choose to seek Christ in all sincerity, we too will find Him – not through our own efforts, but through our willingness to follow the light of His life and teaching. Following their example, we are inspired to worship Him. Like them, we do not want to come empty-handed, but want to bring gifts to our Lord that will show Him how much we love and honour Him.

In truth, we have nothing to give Jesus that is not already His; everything that we have and are is a gift from God. We have nothing to offer Him other than ourselves; we have nothing to bring Him other than our love and worship. Yet these are the gifts that He desires the most, the gifts that are truly fit for the King who gives Himself completely to us so that we can be united with Him forever in eternity.

*Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Philip Michael McCormack, Rosemount.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Pauline Purcell, Collins Park. †Anne Ryan, 'Rosendale', Friar Street. †Pat (Pa) O'Connor, Rathkeale, formerly Childers Park. †Sean Skelly, London and Holycross. †Fr. Michael Gleeson, P.P., Longbeach, California, U.S.A., formerly 4 Loughtagalla Road.

***May They All Rest in Peace.***