

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505;
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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: At Our Lady's Altar in the Cathedral this Sunday evening @ 7.00p.m.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18th – 25th.

Theme: "Justice and only justice you shall pursue". (Deut 16: 18 – 20). Evening Prayer for Christian Unity will take place in the Cathedral next Sunday, January 20th @ 7.00 p.m.

PARISH CRIBS: We invite you to visit our cribs in Bóthar na Naomh and the Cathedral during the Christmas season. The cribs will remain open until Monday January 21st.

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.

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.

PALLOTTINE FATHERS – THANKS: To all who supported our Church Gate Collection a big thank you. A total of €2588.06 was collected. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

HEALING MASS with Fr Brendan Walsh Pallottine Chapel, Wednesday January 16th.
Rosary 7.00 p.m. Mass 7.30 p.m. All are most welcome.

ANAM CARA TIPPERARY: The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday January 21st @ 7.20p.m. in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

LEUGH NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Tuesday January 29th @ 7.30p.m.
All prospective pupils and their parents are very welcome! Please contact the school office 0504 23111 for further information.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wednesday Jan. 16th 11.00a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Jan. 15th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;
Tues. Jan. 15th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Wed. Jan. 16th, 8.00p.m.: Thurles Care Volunteers Meeting.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Jan. 5th & 6th 2019:
Cathedral: €2,382.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,020.00.

PARISH CELLS: The Cells provide a unique opportunity for small groups of people to gather together, in a home environment, on a fortnightly basis, to discuss Sunday's Gospel. The conversations that take place are helpful for those taking part to form a better awareness of the Word of God. The merit in this approach is that it is for everyone in their everyday lives. The meetings are totally informal with emphasis on generating a warm sense of welcome to all. Why not respond to the challenge at the beginning of 2019 and try out something new. You will be most welcome. Contact the Parish Centre, 0504 22229 for more information. First meetings of the New Year take place on Monday 14th or Tuesday the 15th of January, at peoples' homes.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL CLUB: Wed. Jan. 16th in Sarsfields Centre.

BINGO: Premier Hall Wednesday January 16th @ 8.30p.m.

SOCIAL DANCING LESSONS: Commence in the Premier Ballroom on Tuesday Feb. 5th, 8.20 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. €25 for the six weeks.

THE MONKS CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS & COLLECTORS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MONKS GOLF SOCIETY: Thanks to all who contributed so generously to their bucket collections in Thurles before Christmas. The local charities who benefited were Suir Haven Cancer Support Group, Nth Tipp Hospice (In Home Care), St. Vincent de Paul, Meals on Wheels, Thurles Mental Health Group, Anusha (Cabragh), Thurles Care, Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles Day Care Centre and Tipperary Talking Newspapers. Thanks also to Declan O'Sullivan, Star Systems for his assistance.

TIPPERARY STUDIES: "The Soloheadbeg Ambush – a centenary perspective" by Dr. Des Marnane is a very timely talk in The Source on Tuesday January 15th at 7.30pm. Based around a series of readings of original documentary sources on this seminal event. For further details contact 076 1066123.

MOYNE DRAMA GROUP present "Out of Order" by Ray Cooney in Moyne Community Centre, Thursday 24th Jan. - Sunday 27th Jan. at 8.15 p.m. nightly.

As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism, let us consider what it really means to be baptised.....

*"To be baptised is to be christened,
which means to be made like Christ.*

The Sacrament, however, is only the beginning of this journey.

It is like the planting of a seed.

*It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen,
for the image of Christ to be formed in us.*

Amen."

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Hannah Corcoran, Iona Avenue. Funeral arriving at Cathedral this Saturday at 8.30 p.m. Funeral Mass Sunday at 12 noon followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Mary Bryan, 'Derrymartin', Tonagha. †Sean Costello, Bohernamona Road. †Michael Power, Galboola, Littleton. †David Condon, Limerick formerly Cahir. †Enid Fitzgerald, née Mooney, Norfolk, England formerly St. Bridget's Terrace.

May They All Rest in Peace.