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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.

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: NO EVENING PRAYER** this Sunday evening.

#### **LENT 2020:**

**MASS TIMES FOR LENT: Usual Weekend & Daily Mass Times.**

**LENTEN COMMUNION REFLECTIONS:** Available at the back of both Churches during Lent.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES.**

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING:** You are welcome to the guided reflection on the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent which continue **Monday next, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh at 7.15 p.m.** and for the following three Monday evenings. This is an opportunity to meet God in the scriptures in accord with the themes of **Hearing** (*in listening to God's Word*), **Happening** (*see how it touches our lives*) **Hoping** (*and inspires our faith*). "As we gather in our 'upper rooms' may Mary be with us to guide us in understanding and wisdom, and may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit in all our efforts to discern the plans for our diocese." (Lenten Pastoral 2020, Archbishop Kieran). All are welcome.

**PARISH CELL MEETINGS:** The Parish Cell meetings will merge with the "Lenten Scripture Sharing" programme as detailed above in this Newsletter. Why not come along for the Mondays of Lent. You will be most welcome. Parish Cell meetings will resume in the various homes on week commencing Monday, 20th April 2020.

**NEW BOILER APPEAL:** The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€625.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€53,244.10. Mile Buíochas!**

**CARE OF THE SICK:** If you have a family member ill at home or in hospital and would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office at the above numbers.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** If at all possible, please book Mass Intentions well in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

**DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION (formerly Diocesan Needs Appeal):** Your contribution to the Diocesan Services goes towards supporting new and necessary pastoral resources for our Diocese. Target for this year is **€46,242.00**. Amount received: **€5,075.00**. We appreciate your generosity.

**CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/FAMILY MASS:** Next Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. We invite young people preparing for their Confirmation to this Mass which coincides with Family Mass. All families are invited to attend this prayerful gathering.

**FRIENDS OF NANO (PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES):** Next meeting Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. in the Presentation Convent.

**OUR LADY'S WELL:** Angelus and Rosary on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:**

Tues. March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir.
Tues. March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 6.00 p.m.:	Parish Safe-Guarding Committee.
Tues. March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7.15 p.m.:	Parish Finance Committee.
Wed. March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30 p.m.:	Eco-Spirituality Group.
Thurs. March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30 p.m.:	Parish Pastoral Council.

**PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT TOUR:** Come and enjoy an Evening with Patrick Feeney who concludes his Gospel Concert Tour on next **Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> in Church of St Joseph & St Brigid, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 8.00 p.m.** Hear some of the great favourites... *Hallelujah, Wind In the Willows, Bring Him Home, The Holy City (Jerusalem) and How Great Thou Art...* to name but a few. Proceeds towards Cathedral Reroofing Appeal. Last few remaining tickets available on the door on the night!

**THREE HOUR VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE ANUNCIATION:** Pallottine Chapel, Tues. March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m. 10.30 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray.

**40 HOURS IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS FOR FAITH & LIFE:** St Kevin's Church Littleton starting Tues 10th March after 9.00 a.m. Mass, until 8pm that eve.; Tues 17th 1-8 p.m., Tues 24th & 31st Contact 086 4081792.

**MUSICAL SOCIETY TO SUPPORT CATHEDRAL RE-ROOFING:** Thurles Musical Society's opening night of the hit show 'Made in Dagenham' on **Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>** will be in aid of the **Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets for the Opening Night will be available at the Parish Centre from Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>.** All tickets for opening night are €20. The show runs until Saturday April 4th and booking for all nights is now online at [gr8events.ie](http://gr8events.ie) We would greatly appreciate your support on the night.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES:** Invites you to join its new **Singing Group** designed for people affected by Dementia, as well as their caregivers and loved ones/friends with the intention of delivering support in relationships and connections, whilst enjoying the benefits of bringing people together. Continues **Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m., Community Hospital of the Assumption.** Information from: 086 8381818.

**AUTISM FRIENDLY TOWN:** Public meeting, Anner Hotel, Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. so a committee can be formed to convert Thurles into an Autism friendly town. All are welcome.

**BINGO:** Premier Hall Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30p.m. Great nights entertainment.

**FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB:** Next meeting Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m. in Order of Malta Meeting Rooms. Garden Talk by Aimee Moore, Horticulturist from Callan. All welcome.

**DRAMA GROUP:** Present 'Gu' by Frances Poet in The Source on Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March at 8:00pm. Tickets for our previously cancelled shows will be honoured. Please contact Box Office at 0504 90204.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020:**

**Cathedral: €2,300.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,214.00.**

**THURLES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:** Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Parade will leave from Abbey Road at 3.00 p.m. sharp. Further info: 085 1974620 (after 6.00 p.m.) or email [johnnykenahan@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnykenahan@hotmail.com) **Top prize: €1,500.00.**

**MOYCARKEY BORRIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:** Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> in Littleton at 10.30 a.m. Top prize on the day is €400. Contact Parade chairman Sean Ryan (087)4581455.

**CORONAVIRUS:** With the growing concerns regarding the risk of the Coronavirus, the H.S.E. has requested the following: **1. Church Holy Water Fonts not to be used. 2. The Handshake at the Sign of Peace to be suspended. 3. Holy Communion to be received on the hand, not on the tongue. 4. Only the priest to drink from the chalice, the use of communal chalices to be suspended - ALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Thank you for your co-operation on this sensitive matter.**

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Rhian Patrick O'Dwyer, Cabra Terrace.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Dinny Carroll, Innisfallen Avenue. Funeral arriving to Cathedral this Sunday for Mass at 12 noon. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Justin Coman, St. Mary's Avenue. †Ned Lowry, Holycross. †Marian Sweeney, née Maher, Church View, Littleton. †Rita O'Dwyer, née Kennedy, Dublin formerly Friar Street. †Margaret Noone, née Gleeson, Naas, Co. Kildare, formerly Thurles. †Alice Firth, née O'Gorman, Cumbria, England.

**May they Rest in Peace.**