

PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505

BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.thurlesparish.ie

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.

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral this Sunday Dec. 20th, 7.00 p.m. We continue this centuries old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour. There will be an opportunity to contribute to our Christmas Cathedral Maintenance Appeal.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Cathedral Tuesday Dec. 22nd @ 7.00 p.m. which will include Holy Family Prayers and Mass.

YEAR OF MERCY: You are invited to follow our pilgrimage path using the leaflet provided at the Door of Mercy.

CRIBS: As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed cribs.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 19th/20th. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€165,700.50** Amount collected to date: **€ 116,707.00.** The last envelope in your 2015 Collection Box (Blue envelope: 20-Dec-15). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2015.** With thanks for all your contributions.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES

Bóthar na Naomh Church: WEDNESDAY DEC. 23rd after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

Cathedral: CHRISTMAS EVE all day from 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS recommence after Christmas beginning on Sat. Jan 2nd 2016:

Cathedral - Fridays 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.; Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. & after 7.30 p.m. Mass; Thursdays before First Fridays after 11.00 a.m. Mass.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Saturdays: After 10.00 a.m. & after 6.30 p.m. Mass. After 10.00 a.m. Mass Thursday before First Friday

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Cathedral: Christmas Eve: 8.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Christmas Eve: Children's Mass: 6.30 p.m., Mass @ 10.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

DAILY MASS after Christmas: Please Note - Bóthar na Naomh 10.00 a.m., Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. ONLY until January 2nd 2016 incl.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Sat/Sun Dec. 26th & 27th – usual weekend Mass times in both Churches.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION usual times throughout Christmas except Christmas Day.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed from 1.30 p.m. Christmas Eve until Wednesday 30th December @ 10.00 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 22nd, 12.45p.m.: Parish Youth Choir

DECEMBER 2015: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, List of Priests' Areas, Letter to Parishioners and package containing envelopes for all Church Collections 2016 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin on weekend Jan.2/3 2016.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: *Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.* (Luke 1:39-45). If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email jwalsh05@eircom.net

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Krakow, Poland July 25th – 31st 2016. Are you interested in travel, experiencing new places, new people and new cultures? Are you interested in a week of faith and fun that could change your life: Why not represent your parish as a pilgrim at World Youth Day? Contact your local priest or see the poster on church noticeboard for further information about #WYD#Krakow2016

THURLES ROTARY CLUB MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE: In aid of Nth Tipp Hospice/Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre. Visit the Thurles Rotary table in Thurles Shopping Centre outside Boots for to remember a deceased family member or friend this Christmas. Write their name on the card and it will be attached to a red ribbon and put on the Christmas tree outside the Cathedral. The blessing of the tree will take place on Sunday Dec. 20th, after the Carol Service. Please support.

CHRISTMAS AT CABRAGH: Sunday Dec 20th, 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Many quality local Stalls. Santa arriving at 3.00 p.m. so bring the children. Great family afternoon out. Information @ 0504 43879. **WINTER SOLSTICE:** Join us for the celebration of the rebirth of the Sun @ Cabragh Wetlands, Sunday Dec. 20th, 8pm. Admission free.

SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: January Jog on January 3rd at 12 noon in Thurles Crokes Athletics Club. Walk/Jog/Run 6km for Suir Haven. Cost is €10.00, children run for free. For more information call Alison 085 1698625.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Over the Christmas Ceili – Sunday Dec. 27th, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall. Ceol le *Carousel*.

2nd ANNUAL ROTARY CHALLENGE: St. Stephen`s Day from Croke Athletic Club, Nenagh Rd., commencing at 11.00 a.m. with 55K cycle, Run & Walk at 11.30 a.m. This event benefits three Charities: People Guide dogs for the Blind, Mo Chara Animal Rescue & Sean Doran Medical Expenses Fund. Thanks to Thurles Crokes Athletic Club for the venue, facilities and to Thurles Gardaí.

DÚRLAS ÓG JUVENILE CLUB PROGRESSIVE 25 DRIVE: Sarsfields Social Centre, Wednesday Jan. 6th @ 8.30 p.m. €1,000 in prizes. Teas served.

LOST: Silver Brooch in Thurles Friday, Dec. 11th. Ladies Watch lost Sunday Dec. 13th. Contact Parish Office if found.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 12th & 13th 2015:

Cathedral: €2,613.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,983.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Seán Patrick Campion, Monakeeba. *Aisling Mary McCarthy, Beakstown. *Freya Amber Noble, Drombane.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Jim Carroll, Fethard, formerly Killenaule. †Jimmy Leahy, Clondoty, Loughmore & Brothers of Charity, Bawnmore, Limerick. †Kathleen Griffin, near O'Sullivan, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, formerly Mullauns, Dublin Road. †Rosaleen Doyle, Lucan, Co. Dublin.