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. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL: WEEKDAYS: 11.30 A.M. – 7.30 P.M.; SUNDAYS: 1.00 P.M. – 7.00 P.M.

ADVENT 2014: "Making a new space for Jesus in our hearts." (Theme for Advent 2014 in Thurles Parish)

EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday 7.00 p.m.

JESSE TREE: During Advent we decorate the Jesse tree. We are reminded of the beauty of creation. We thank God for giving us the sun, moon, stars, the earth in its richness, all things that blossom and bear fruit. May our relationship with God grow during this Advent season.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS: As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed cribs. With thanks to our creative crib designers and builders.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday December 8th (Holyday of Obligation).

MASS TIMES: Cathedral: Monday 8.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church: Monday 10.00 a.m.

FAMILY MASS: Next Saturday, December 13th, Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m. Theme: *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*. All welcome.

POLISH MASS: W Poniedziatek o8 Grudnia o godz 18.30 będzie Polska Msza w Koplicy Sióstr w Prezentation Convent. Spowiedź Sw. od godz 17.00. Serdecznie Zapraszamy. **Polish Mass**: Presentation Convent Chapel Monday Dec. 8th @ 6.30 p.m.; Confessions @ 5.00 p.m.

PRELIMINARY NOTICES:

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday December 21st, 7.00 p.m. **RECONCILIATION SERVICE**: Bóthar na Naomh Church Monday December 22nd, 7.30 p.m.

BOOKING OF ALL MASS INTENTIONS for Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh through the Parish Centre (10.00a.m. - 1.30p.m. /2.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.). **FUNERAL HOSPITALITY- BÓTHAR NA NAOMH**: Refreshments are served before and after prayers on the evening of a funeral and before Mass on the day of the funeral. For further information contact Parish Office.

Offertory Collection November 29th & 30th 2014: Cathedral: €1,911.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,698.00.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES: In order to ensure that Thurles Parish can benefit further from the Charity Tax Refund Scheme we are introducing weekly envelopes for our Offertory Collection in 2015. Parishioners who wish to contribute as heretofore may continue to do so. The new Weekly Offertory Collection envelopes will be included in the box of collection envelopes to be delivered to all homes in the Parish before Christmas. *Thanks for all your contributions*.

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE: St. Mary's Church, Thurles, Sunday 14th December @ 8.00p.m. All are welcome.

PALLOTTINE RETREAT CENTRE: Next Retreat December $19^{th} - 21^{st}$ with Fr. Emmet O'Hara S.C.A. Bookings @ 087 7542116. Email pallottinefathers@gmail.com.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Cathedral this Sunday Dec. 7th, 3.00 p.m.

POBAL AILBHE: Beautifully illustrated history of the Diocese by Rev. Christy O'Dwyer – available at Parish Centre. Ideal Christmas Gift!

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND: Annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Kildare, Friday 12th - Sunday 14th Dec. Booking @ <u>www.youth2000.ie</u>

FULL & PART TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS: Coláiste Éile now enrolling for full time and part time courses in a variety of areas including horticulture and computer training. There are no costs to medical card holders or social protection recipients. Contact Bernie @ 0504 21166 or just call in.

PATSY DURACK CHARITY MEMORIAL BRIDGE THANKS to all for their support. €2,600.00 raised for Northth Tipp Hospice & Homecare.

CEILI & SET CLUB: Ceili Sunday Dec. 7th, Band Hall, 8.00 p.m.

THURLES SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB CHRISTMAS DISCO: Wed. Dec. 10th, Thurles Rugby Club, 7.00p.m. – 9.00p.m. Santa will arrive during the disco!

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:	
Tues. Dec. 9 th , 7.00 p.m.:	People & Priests Strategy Group.
Tues. Dec. 9 th , 8.00 p.m.:	Baptism Team Meeting.
Wed. Dec. 10 th , 4.00p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Alex Murphy, Garrenroe. *Alfie Gabriel O'Reilly, Kildare.

RECENTLY DECEASED: ‡Annie Mary Corbett, St. Theresa's Nursing Home, Thurles & "The Spa", Turraheen, Rossmore. Removal to Rossmore Church Saturday @ 8.30 p.m. Requiem Mass Sunday @ 1.00 p.m. Burial in adjoining Cemetery ‡Joseph Cassidy, Rossestown. ‡Sr. Perpetua Ryan, Presentation Sisters, Thurles & Ballingarry. ‡Paddy Cooney, Littleton. ‡Jimmy Brolan, Birmingham, formerly Killoran & Ballyduag.