

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.

ADVENT 2014: *“Making a new space for Jesus in our hearts.”*

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.

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday December 21st, 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: Bóthar na Naomh Church Monday December 22nd, 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity to celebrate forgiveness. We invite individuals and families to come and gather together in our parish preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE: Cathedral 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Please Note: No Confessions Friday & Saturday December 26TH & 27TH.

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 MASSES DECEMBER 26th & 27th: Bóthar na Naomh 10.00 a.m., Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. Please Note: no 8.00a.m. Mass.

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

Offertory Collection December 13th & 14th 2014:

Cathedral: €2,230.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,641.00.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 20th/21st. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€177,261.00.** Collected in 2013: **€170,846.00.** Amount collected to date in 2014: **€123,307.00.** The last envelope in your 2014 Collection Box (Blue envelope: 21-Dec-14). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2014. All collection shortfalls must be funded out of parish income.**

JANUARY 2015: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, List of Priests’ Areas, Letter to Parishioners and package containing envelopes for all Church Collections, including Weekly Offertory Envelopes 2015. Extra boxes of envelopes are available at the back of both churches should any household need more than one box.

NORTH TIPP HOSPICE/SUIRHAVEN MEMORIAL TREE: *Sat 13th – 24th Dec.* Cards/Ribbons available @ Thurles Shopping Centre and will be placed on the tree outside the Cathedral. Project is being run by Thurles Rotary Club.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Thurles Care @ Costcutters, Friar St. Monday December 22nd 9.00a.m. – 2.00p.m. Please support.

N.C.B.I.: Fundraiser in Tesco this Sunday 21st Dec. 9.30a.m. – 5.30p.m.

CHRISTMAS SHOP & BOOK SALE @ Thurles Men’s Shed, Mitchel Street.

ROTARY CLUB: 1st Annual Rotary Challenge 55K Cycle/Family 20K Fun Cycle /10K Run /10K walk on St. Stephens Day Dec. 26th, beginning @ 11.00 a.m. from Thurles Rugby Club. Proceeds to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind and Mo Chara Animal Rescue. Info contact Sean @ 087 2526625.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Celebrate Winter Solstice, Mon. Dec. 22nd, 8.00 p.m.

C.A.M.E.O CARE: Charity Shop now open Wed – Sat 11.00a.m. – 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m. – 5.00p.m. @ Slievenamon Road. Donations are very welcome.

CARERS ASSOCIATION are providing QQI (FETAC) LEVEL 5 Healthcare Support Major Award Training in your area in January 2015. Also providing Topic Specific workshops for Family Carers. Contact 057 93 22920.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Hall Sunday December 21st, 9.00 p.m. – midnight. Admission €8. Music by Finbarr Dennehy.

THURLES CEILÍ & SET CLUB: New Year Ceilí Sun. 28th Dec. Band Hall @ 8.00p.m.

FOUND: Ring in Cathedral Thursday 18th Dec. Contact Parish Centre for details.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Joseph Richard Cassidy, Rossestown. *Joshua James Hennessy Jordan, Kennedy Park.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Eamon Heaney, Turtulla Cross, formerly Loughtagalla. †Tom Ryan, 2 College Green. †Ellen (Nellie) Hickey, 36 Seán Treacy Ave. †Kitty Barrett, Shannon, Co. Clare. †Fr. Liam Hayes, S.V.D., Cappamore & Argentina. †Jimmy Brown, England, formerly Clobanna & Rossestown.