

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505**

**BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688;**

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://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.

**DEVOTIONS:** Cathedral, Sunday 7.00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. Target: **€177,261.00**. Amount collected: **€31,090.00**. Total collected to date: **€154,397.00**. All outstanding envelopes much appreciated.

**COLLECTIONS 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 in the coming days. Extra boxes of envelopes are available at the back of both churches should any household need more than one box.



**CRIBS:** During the Christmas season you are welcome to visit our cribs in Bóthar Na Naomh Church and the Cathedral to give thanks for God's love and to pray for peace throughout the world.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Usual Communion Calls unless otherwise arranged by priest of area. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30 p.m. (preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15 p.m.).

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**DAILY MASSES:** Bóthar na Naomh Church 10.00 a.m. & Cathedral 11.00 a.m. (Please note 8.00 a.m. Mass in Cathedral recommences Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>).

**No Confessions** on Thursday/ Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NO HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY** Mass next Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Closed Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> & New Year's Day.

**MEN WANTED!** : To move pews to enable high level cleaning of the Cathedral on Friday/Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> January in preparation for the forthcoming Installation Ceremony. Names to priests of the Parish or to Parish Office.

**Offertory Collection December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2014:**

Cathedral: €2,001.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,720.00;

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** We appeal to your generosity over the Christmas period to ensure the ongoing maintenance of our magnificent Cathedral. You may contribute to our Christmas Cathedral Maintenance Appeal using the donation boxes in the Cathedral. With thanks for your contributions.

## **THANKS**

As we near the end of another year we can take account of all the work done in the name of Thurles Parish. Above all, we are grateful for the opportunity to give witness to our Christian faith. We give thanks for the different groups of people who contribute to the life of our parish: Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and their drivers to the sick, Choirs, Folk Group, Organists and Musicians, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Adorers, Readers, Members of Parish Renewal, People & Priests Group, Bóthar na Naomh Funeral Hospitality Group, Altar Societies, Flower Clubs, Jesse Tree Decorators, Crib Builders and those who organised the Carol Service. We appreciate all who help with Sodalties and Confraternities, the selling of Catholic papers and those who help in the cleaning of the Churches. We are very grateful to all who contribute to our Collections including to our Parish Development Plan, for the time given by our Finance Committee, Envelope Distributors, Collectors and Counters. Finally, many families have been bereaved in the past year; we renew our sympathy to them and remember them particularly at this time of year. May the new space we make for Jesus in our hearts continue to grow within us throughout the New Year.

**DÚRLAS ÓG JUVENILE CLUB:** Progressive 25 Drive @ Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January @ 8.30p.m. Tickets €10 & teas served.

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

**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.

**SENIOR HELP LINE IS OPEN OVER CHRISTMAS:** Ireland's only confidential listening service for older people provided by older volunteers is open 365 days of the year. The help line is open every day of the Christmas holiday and New Year season from 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. So don't be alone! Phone Senior Help Line LoCall 1850 440 444, (no call costing more than 30 cent).

**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 **1850 303 202** (10.30 am – 1.30 pm. Monday – Friday) or 24 hr confidential answering service.

**CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE:** 34/35 Croke Street. Independent & confidential Information & Advice on Rights & Entitlements. Contact 0761 076510.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †James (Jim) Condon, 4 Butler Avenue. †Kathleen Martin, 32 Childers Park. †Christy Slattery, Cooleen, Templeberry. †Paddy Kennedy, Loughmore. †Richard Keogh, England & formerly Ballycurrane. †Shane McLoughlin, Doon.