

**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.**

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER:** *Bóthar na Naomh Church* this Sunday at 7.00 p.m. Theme: 'Compassion' in accordance with the Year of Mercy.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

Next **Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>** (Holyday of Obligation).

**MASS TIMES:** Cathedral: Monday: 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday 8.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church: Monday 6.30 p.m.; Tuesday: 10.00 a.m.

**FAMILY MASS:** Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Cathedral @ 7.30pm. Theme: 'Advent: Preparing for Jesus'. Activity sheets are available through the schools and at the back of both churches. Completed sheets which are brought to the Mass will be displayed in the Cathedral afterwards. As a Christmas present from the children of our parish to those in need, we will collect from the children for a **Bóthar Christmas gift**. Your child is invited to contribute some spare pocket money towards this present.

**YEAR OF MERCY:** The opening of the **Door of Mercy** at the Cathedral will take place on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> before the 10.30 a.m. Mass. You are invited to assemble in the Cathedral courtyard for this ceremony.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** Third Sunday of Advent (Bambinelli Sunday) - On this day, the association promotes keeping Jesus central to the Christmas Festivities and ensuring that the next generation will receive the faith. **Families are invited on the third Sunday of Advent (next Sunday) to bring the Baby Jesus Figure from their cribs at home to be blessed during the Mass.** We invite parishioners to partake in this simple ceremony at all Masses next weekend.

**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.

**YOUTH TOGETHER** for 1st, 2nd and 3rd years takes place this Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Centre. We will be meeting from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Don't forget your forms! All are welcome.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** *John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Who will promote the gospel in our community?* (Luke 3: 1 – 6). If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086 7714888 or email [jwalsh05@eircom.net](mailto:jwalsh05@eircom.net)

**TRÓCAIRE:** Trócaire has launched its Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. When you buy a Trócaire gift you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2015:

**Cathedral: €1,963.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,008.00.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE:**

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 p.m.: Catholic Initiation Group.

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5.00 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Working Group.

Thur. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Thur. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00p.m.: People & Priests Group.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION** will take place this weekend, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **AFTER ALL MASSES**. Your support is needed and much appreciated.

**SVP TOY APPEAL:** We would like to make Christmas better for local families in need. Simply drop off an **unwrapped new toy** in the collection box that will be provided at the back of both churches this weekend, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Some suggestions: Infants & Toddlers: activity toys, pre-school toys/3-6years: soft toys, action & character toys/ 7-9 years: Board games, books, cars/ 10-12years: Books, jewellery, games, music, toiletries DVDs etc.

**TIPPERARY REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICE** are hosting a **Community Café Event** in the Parish Centre (across from the Cathedral) this **Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. The event is part of our Be Well Positive Mental Week, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. in order to raise awareness around Positive Mental Health. So come along on Sunday and have a free cup of tea or coffee with a friend! For more information contact Ann Marie Lahart on 0504 23426.

**SCOIL AILBHE CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. in the school hall. A great night of entertainment guaranteed.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB:** Christmas Disco in Thurles Rugby Club next Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. Santa will be calling in! All welcome.

**THURLES LIBRARY STAFF** invite you to a Free Christmas Coffee morning in the library, on Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Children from the Presentation Primary school will regale you with a selection of Christmas Carols. Come along and celebrate Christmas with us.

**AUCTION & SALE OF WORK:** Holycross Community Centre Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00p.m. Great value guaranteed!

**C.A.M.E.O. CARE CHARITY SHOP:** Wanted furniture, household goods, (excluding electrical), unwanted gifts/Christmas decorations. Contact 087 6866359.

**CEILI & SET CLUB:** Christmas Ceili Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Band Hall @ 8.00 p.m. Ceol le Taylors Cross. Nollaig Shona do gach éinne.

**SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE:** January Jog on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Thomas Terry Harty, Hawthorn Drive. \*Tibor Franco Tomes, Castle Avenue. \*Henry Walsh, Rosemount.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Paddy Murphy, Clongour. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral @ 12 noon. Burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Holycross. †Christy Leahy, Southampton, England formerly Ballycurrane. †Lorraine Shanahan, 33 Willowmere Drive. †Teresa Morris, née Shanahan, New York, formerly Drombane.