

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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday at 7.00 p.m.

FEBRUARY CLERGY COLLECTION takes place this weekend, Feb, 6th/7th. (Purple envelope: 7-Feb-16) Annual Target: **€165,700.50**. Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously in 2015. **We are most grateful to all who contributed to the success of reaching our target for 2015.**

FAMILY MASS: Saturday next, Feb. 13th at 7.30p.m. in Cathedral. Theme "*Lent a chance to be merciful like Jesus.*" As we journey through this Lent, let us have a change of heart, keep our promises, and be merciful and loving to all.

EXHIBITION OF CLUBS, ORGANISATIONS & SOCIETIES: Thanks to all who exhibited with inspiring effort, colour and style as well as the People & Priests Group whose sterling hard work ensured that the event was a mighty celebration of the generosity of volunteering in Thurles which continues to nourish and enrich the life of our local parish community.

Lenten Theme: '*Be people of Mercy*'.

EVENING PRAYER during Lent in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 7.00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 10th - Day of fast and abstinence, we begin the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. **Evening Mass: Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30 p.m.; Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m.**

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2016: Usual Daily Mass Times.

TRÓCAIRE: The designation of 2016 as the Jubilee of Mercy is an opportunity for the Church, as people of faith and mercy to give concrete practical expression to our faith. Over the past year the plight of the people of the Middle East has been prominent in world news. Millions have become refugees of war. We remember them constantly in our prayers as we keep in mind the courage and compassion of those "Missionaries of Mercy" working for justice in the world. Trócaire Boxes available at the back of both Churches.

YEAR OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL: "*The name of God is mercy*" (Pope Francis). With the opening of Holy Doors in Cathedrals throughout the world, Pope Francis invites us to enter into the mercy of God. The Adult Faith Formation Group are offering a guided pilgrimage tour which passes through four stations in the Cathedral including the Door of Mercy with prayer and reflection each Friday in Lent @ 10.30 a.m. and finishing before 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral. (In the event of a funeral the pilgrimage will be cancelled on that Friday). All welcome.

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE: Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. May people abstain from alcohol and take the short-term Pledge for Lent – make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION January 30th & 31st:

Cathedral: €2, 116.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,143.00.

DEVELOPMENT FUND (Fund raising target: €2.5m)

Total Income December 31st 2015: €2,122,709.00

December Income:	€
Direct Donations	780
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	70
Standing Orders	390
Total December Income	1,240
Total Income to November 2015	2,121,469
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DIOCESAN EUCCHARISTIC APOSTOLATE: Assembly Day of Prayer, Sat. Feb. 13th, St. Patrick's College from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Concluding with Mass.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE: Three Hour Vigil, Pallottine Chapel, Thursday Feb. 11th, 7.30 p.m. led by Fr. Emmet O'Hara & Fr. Brendan Walsh.

EVENING OF PRAYER through song with David Parkes in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh, Sunday Feb. 14th @ 7.30 p.m. Proceeds to Trócaire.

LEUGH NATIONAL SCHOOL: Open Evening on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, at 7.30 p.m. For further information please contact school office 0504 23111.

UP FOR THE MATCH: Are you "*Up for the Match*"? This hilarious comedy, written by Flan Quigney will be staged by the Cathedral Town Performers in Scoil Ailbhe on February 11th, 12th and 13th, at 8.00 p.m. Tickets available in the school, or from (085) 1778133 and (087) 7502807 for €10.

COLAISTE MHUIRE CO ED (Parents Association): 'Parenting the Challenges and Rewards' – Speaker: John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison. Tuesday, Feb. 9th @ 8.00 p.m. in School Hall. Parents/Guardians of teenagers most welcome. Admission Free.

PREMIER BALLROOM: Club for Dancing Sunday, Feb. 7th, 9.00 p.m. – midnight.

Music by "Twice Shy". **LEARN SOCIAL DANCING;** Six weeks course continues Tuesday Feb. 9th, Premier Hall @ 8.20 p.m. sharp.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Ceili Sunday Feb. 7th, 9.00 p.m., Band Hall.

FOUND; Sum of money in Cathedral last week. Contact Parish Office for details.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – PARISH CENTRE

Tues. Feb. 9 th , 11.00 a.m.:	Adult Faith Formation;
Tues. Feb. 10 th , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir;
Thurs. Feb. 11 th , 9.00 a.m.:	'Grow in Love' Parents Programme.
Thurs. Feb. 11 th , 6.30 p.m.:	Eco-Spirituality Group.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Isabella Rose Tuohy, The Oaks, Castlemeadows.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Mairéad Ross, 7 Castle Court. †Edmund (Neddy) Gair, Newhill, Two-Mile-Borris. †Fr. Paddy Hyland, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, formerly Larch Hill House, Mountrath, Co. Laois. †Martin Keane, Romford, Essex, formerly Reiska, Kilcommon.