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.

Lenten Theme: 'BE people of Mercy'.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Bóthar na Naomh Church, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

THE STORY OF EASTER: There will be a special ceremony for children (of all ages) on Good Friday, 25th March, at 11.00 a.m. in Bóthar na Naomh Church. It will cover the story of Holy Thursday, Christ's suffering and death and the Resurrection. All welcome.

EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION; Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all the priests are paid. Target: €165,700.50. Amount received to date: €21,268.50. (Purple Envelope: 27-Mar-16). As always we appreciate your generosity.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION: Will be taken up at Good Friday Ceremonies.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: We appeal to you to continue supporting the work of Trócaire throughout the developing world. Please submit contents of Trócaire boxes (notes if possible) to Parish Office or sacristies during the week. **LEGION OF MARY**: Pilgrimage through the **Door of Mercy** in the Cathedral, Tues. March 22nd @ 6.45 p.m., followed by Mass. There will be an opportunity for Confession, thus fulfilling the obligation to gain an indulgence. **NEXT DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY LITURGY INCLUDING MASS**: St. Michael's Church, Tipperary Town, Sunday April 3rd @ 3.00 p.m.

YEAR OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL: "The name of God is mercy" (Pope Francis). Pope Francis invites us to enter into the mercy of God. People are encouraged to walk the pilgrimage tour at any time through the '**Door of Mercy**,' using the leaflet provided. The Adult Faith Formation Group intend **resuming** their input for the Fridays of the month of May in honour of our Blessed Lady.

PILGRIM ICON OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP; Pilgrimage to the Cathedral, Tuesday April 5th – Wednesday April 6th. More details next week!

APRIL 3rd - **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**: Leaflets will be available at the back of both churches on Good Friday in preparation for the Novena to Divine Mercy which commences on Good Friday March 25th.

DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY: Moyne church, Sunday April 3rd @ 2.30 p.m., concludes with mass at 3.45 p.m. All welcome. **POLISH MASS**: Msza sw.Polska odbedzie sie 23 Marca w kaplicy Presentation Convent o godz 6.00 p.m. Spowiedz sw. od godz 5 p.m. Mass in Polish, Wed. March 23rd, Presentation Convent @ 6.00 p.m.; Confessions from 5.00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: A Ecumenical Service of Witness for Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Church of Ireland, Thurles on this Sunday March 20th @ 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

VOICE OF PEACE MINISTRY RESIDENTIAL RETREAT: April 8th – 10th, St. Flannan's College, Ennis, Co. Clare. Spirit filled talks by International Preachers (Kairos Team), Holy Eucharist, Personal Testimonies, Healing & deliverance prayers, Counselling, Confessions, Uplifting Music and Worship. Further information contact 086 8327844/0879912047 or email voiceofpeaceministry@gmail.com

EASTER BONNET FUN WALK in aid of Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre at Inch Loop, The Ragg, Good Friday March 25th. Registration 11.15 a.m. by voluntary donation. Registration, Parking and Refreshments at Drom & Inch GAA Clubhouse.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Celebrating the Spring Equinox on Tuesday March 22nd at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

CHARITY DANCE: Anner Hotel, Sunday, March 20th, 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. in aid of Day Care Centre, Cappawhite.

ECO TIP: In his letter to the world, Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks us to be conscious of our impact on the planet. As we come to the end of National Tree Week we ask you to plant a tree. There are trees for every size of garden. Trees help reduce global warming.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 5 th & 6 th 2016: Cathedral: €3,730.00; Bóthar na Naomh : €1,763.00.	
DEVELOPMENT FUND (Fund raising target: €2.5m)	
Total Income January/February 2016: €2,124,119.00	
January/February Income:	€
Direct Donations	550
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	80
Standing Orders	780
Total Jan/Feb Income	1,410
Total Income to December 2015	2,122,709
Total Income to February 2016	2,124,119

RECENTLY DECEASED: \$\Partial Seamus O'Brien, 2 Churchview, formerly Lisheen Terrace, Mitchel Street. \$\Partial Michael O'Connell, Castlemaine, Co.Kerry. \$\Partial Bridie Sheilds, Dublin.