

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.

YEAR OF MERCY: St. John Paul II has told us that the most urgent task today is “to lead people to discover both their capacity to know the truth and their yearning for the ultimate and definitive meaning in life.” Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs.

Action: Invite someone to come to Mass with you next weekend.

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 Thurles Adult Faith Formation Group is offering a guided pilgrimage tour through the four stations in the Cathedral, with prayers and reflection, **each Friday during May**, in honour of our Blessed Lady: “Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.” It will commence on **Fri. 6th May @ 10.30 a.m.** to precede the 11.00 a.m. Mass. (In the event of a funeral the Pilgrimage will be cancelled on that Friday.)

YEAR OF MERCY- THE FAMILY CHALLENGE: Thurles Parish invites families to take up ‘*The Family Challenge*’ for the Year of Mercy as outlined on our Parish Website. Year of Mercy Logo Stickers for your home and our Diocesan Year of Mercy Bookmarkers are available as part of ‘*The Family Challenge*’ at our **Parish Office**. For further details upon this invitation please visit our website @ www.thurlesparish.ie

YEAR OF MERCY LITURGICAL EVENTS: May 1st @ 3.00p.m. Kilcommon Prayer Garden. May 8th Rockwell College & Grounds, 3.00p.m. - 5.00p.m.

MAY EVENING PRAYER: Cathedral, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sun. May 8th children from **Gaelscoil Bhríde** will receive their First Holy Communion in **Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, May 6th. Usual Communion Calls. 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.).

CASHEL & EMLY WORLD YOUTH DAY: Four places have become available for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland from July 25th – August 1st. Please contact Fr. Dominic Meehan, C.C., Templemore @ 085 1111320 for further information.

THREE HOUR VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Pallottine Chapel, Friday May 13th, 7.30 p.m. consisting of Eucharistic Hour, Marian Hour and Mass.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: Meeting Monday, May 2nd @ 7.30 p.m.

PALLOTTINE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Saturday May 14th, 8.00 a.m. Contact 0504-21202 for information and booking.

PARKINSON’S GROUP ANNUAL MASS: Community Hospital of the Assumption, Friday May 13th @ 5.30p.m. All welcome, new members, family and friends.

MAY ROSARY: Our Lady’s Grotto Leugh, every evening @ 7.30 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. May 3rd: 8.30p.m.:

Parents’ Baptism Preparation Meeting.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN PEOPLE: Will be taken up after Communion at all Masses this weekend. Pope Francis asks that we take up this collection as the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine continues with 9,000 dead, 500,000 in urgent need of food and 1.5 million displaced. The greatest need is for health care with 3 million people living in conditions of extreme hardship, most of whom are elderly. Also, one in four children are unable to attend school. The networks of aid groups that are most successful are those of religious organisations, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Therefore, Pope Francis, through the Holy See, is organising aid for the benefit of the whole population, regardless of religious affiliation and asks you to contribute generously.

BASIC FIRST AID COURSE: Tuesday May 3rd, 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m., Order of Malta Training Centre. Further information contact John on 086 3144126.

THURLES LIONS CLUB: Classic & Vintage Car Show, Sunday May 8th, 12 noon – 5.00 p.m., Thurles Greyhound Stadium. Children’s entertainment. Great Family Fun!

CELEBRATION OF BEALTAIN: Cabragh Wetlands, Mon. May 2nd @ 8.00 p.m.

BEALTAIN TEA DANCE: Wed. May 4th, Anner Hotel, 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Thurles Library @ 0504 - 29720. Event hosted by Successful Ageing Thurles.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY IRELAND: Tea Day Fundraiser, Thurs. May 5th commencing @ 10.00 a.m., Bookworm Bookshop. Donations of confectionary gratefully accepted on the day. Supported by the Rotary Club of Thurles.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom next Sunday, May 1st, 9.00 p.m. – 12 midnight. Music by “Catherine Images”.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Bank Holiday Ceili Sunday May 1st, 8.00 p.m. Band Hall.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meeting Wed. May 4th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

CO. TIPPERARY DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection. € 2,163.00 was collected.

NCBI (National Council for Blind Ireland), Kickham Street, needs you! Good quality working, wearable clean items needed. Also if you are free for a few hours why not volunteer?

GOLF CLASSIC: Thurles Golf Club, Fri. May 6th & Sat May 7th. Call 0504 21983 or Laura @ 086 3787861. Proceeds to Solas Autism Unit, Loughmore NS.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Full Award Training in your area in May 2016. This is one of the Mandatory modules off the Full QQI Healthcare Award. For more info contact our training department on 0579370221.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 23rd & 24th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,213.00; **Bóthar na Naomh:** €1,987.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Caoimhe Anna Carew, St. Columba’s Terrace.* Finn McMillan, Hazelwood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Brid Ryan, 4 Willowmere Drive & 26 Geraldine Street, Dublin. Funeral to Cathedral Sunday at 6.00 p.m. Requiem Mass Monday at 11.00 a.m. Burial in Glasnevin Cemetery Tuesday at 12 noon. †Mary Agnes Hayes, née Bowe, New Hill, Two-Mile-Borris. †Anne Doyle 19 Ballycurrane. †Patrick Ryan, Upperchurch, formerly Friar Street. †Mary O’Donoghue, née O’Donnell, Killarney formerly Golden. †Patricia McLaughlin, Rathgar, Dublin. †Breda Szumoski, née Bourke, London formerly St. Mary’s Avenue.