

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.

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

YEAR OF MERCY:

Reflection: ‘Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.’ (Is 49:14)

Be open to listening to and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we are not sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference. A few moments of your day can make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

Action: Lend a listening ear to someone who is going through a tough time this week.

DOOR OF MERCY, CATHEDRAL: *“The name of God is mercy”* (Pope Francis). The Adult Faith Formation Group are 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 at 10.30 a.m. to precede the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Next Saturday May 28th after 7.30 p.m. Mass. We gather in the **Car Park of St. Patrick’s College @ 8.15 p.m.** and process around Liberty Square and back down to the Cathedral. We would love to see all the groups of the parish being present at this event.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT will take place at all Masses next weekend – the Feast of Corpus Christi.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY MAY 29th: Children from **Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary School** will receive their First Holy Communion in the **Cathedral @ 10.30 a.m.** Children from **Leugh N.S.** will receive their First Holy Communion in **Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 11.30 a.m.**

PARISH CELLS: We invite anyone who wishes to consider participation in the fortnightly **Cells** meetings to join us on **Tuesday 24th, at 7.30pm, in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar Na Naomh**, where we will hold a Joint Cell meeting. All welcome.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. May 23rd, 5.30p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Working Group.

Tues. May 24th, 11.00a.m.: Adult Faith Formation Group.

Tues. May 24th, 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Tues. May 24th, 7.30p.m.: Parish Cells Joint Meeting.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION May 14th & 15th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,998.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,126.00.

9th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN 2018: Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families during 2018. The dates and theme of the Meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself. The 9th World Meeting is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families from around the globe to Ireland. It is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity and the challenge to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment to their faith. A collection to cover the costs of this event will take place at all Masses after Communion next weekend, May 28/29 2016.
MAY ROSARY: Bóthar na Naomh Grotto, Mon. Wed. & Fri. @ 5.00p.m. Our Lady’s Grotto Leugh, every evening @ 7.30 p.m.

SCOIL AILBHE FUN RUN: The annual walk/run on Fri. May 27th around the Seskin route. Walk starts @ 6.30p.m. and run starts @ 7.00p.m. Registration in the school from 5.00p.m. Lots of refreshments in the school after the event. All welcome.

RAHEALTY N.S. FUN RUN/WALK: Sunday May 29th. Registration from 9.30 a.m. Race commences from Rahealty N.S. at 11.00 a.m. Cash prizes, spot prizes, refreshments. Support greatly appreciated.

THURLES DAY CARE CENTRE: Fund Raising Dance, Anner Hotel, Sunday May 22nd, 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

REFRESH THURLES: Best Estates Competition (3 categories) and Best Streetscape - Closing Date May 31st - Judging July/Aug - Entry Forms at Library or 087 270 1689 - Cash Prizes Facebook Page - RefreshThurles.

THURLES LIBRARY BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL: Club for Dancing free Social Dance lessons – for over 18’s on Wednesday May 25th from 11.15 a.m. – 1.00p.m. in The Art Gallery, The Source. Enjoy some mid-morning dancing! **‘Thurles before the Normans’** lecture with local author Bill Cooke in Thurles Library, Thursday May 26th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING: Wed. May 25th, 11.00 a.m., Arch Bar.

HORSE & JOCKEY SINGERS – SUMMER VARIETY CONCERT: Horse & Jockey Hotel, Friday June, 3rd @ 8.00 p.m. Proceeds to Thurles Order of Malta. Tickets (€15) available from the hotel reception or Connie @ 087-6667988.

SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY TO BALLYBUNION: JULY 2nd – 8th. Cost: €200. Price includes full board and accommodation, and return transport by bus from Thurles/Templemore. A number of vacancies remain and anyone interested should contact Ann McNamara in the Templemore Day-care Centre at 0504-31291 or daycaretrmore@gmail.com

TIPPERARY & MIDWEST BRANCHES OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE CONFERENCE: Sunday May 29th, Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Booking through Parkinson’s Head Office @ 1800 359 359 and for the Nenagh/Thurles bus contact Marion Burke @ 0872967296.

BOOK LAUNCH: *“Memoirs of a Small Town Solicitor”* by Chris Kavanagh will be launched on Tuesday May 24th @ 6.30 p.m. in Thurles Library Source Arts Centre Your support would be appreciated.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Darragh John McCormack, Cabra Court.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Mairéad Connolly, née Fitzgerald, Sandycove, Dublin, formerly Cathedral Street. †Teresa O’Brien, Cloyne.