

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, Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

YEAR OF MERCY:

Fourth Corporal Work of Mercy: House the Homeless:

Reflect: A home gives a sense of security and identity and a sense of belonging. In May 2015, evidence presented before the Supreme Court in England indicated that the average lifespan of a homeless person is just 47 years, they are over 9 times more likely to take their own lives and 13 times more likely to be victims of violence than the rest of the population.

Act: Find out the nearest Homeless Centre to you and offer support. (e.g. Simon Community)

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ON LOUGH DERG: One Day Retreat August 21st. A bus will leave on Saturday 20th visiting St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. Overnight in the Great Southern Hotel, Sligo and going on to the Island on Sunday morning. Booking by August 1st with a deposit of €105. For further details contact Bridget O'Dea, Loughmore, 086-6792754. Fr. Martin Murphy, 086 3868877. Fr Joe Tynan, 087 2225445. Margaret O'Dwyer, Annacarty, 062 76155. Donal Kennedy, Killenaule, 087 2820046, Brigid O'Driscoll, Pallasgreen, 087 6305889. Maura Ryan, Upperchurch 087 2424033. **(Warm Clothing and Rainwear are essential)** Pope Francis has placed pilgrimage at the heart of the Jubilee Year – come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg – a holy island of deep pastoral care, mercy and renewal.

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

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY ANNUAL MASS: Friday July 22nd @ 7.30 p.m. Our opportunity to gather and pray for our deceased family members and friends. Bottles of holy water will be available after the mass. Outdoor candles can be purchased on the night. Parking, by kind permission, will be available at the Rugby Club and Peake Villa. In the event of bad weather we will gather for Mass in the Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday, August 7th. Bus from Mockler's Chemist, Liberty Square @ 8.00 a.m. Information & Booking: Jim @ 0504 21260/085 8278014 or Bridget @ 0504 21096.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. July 19th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION JULY 9th & 10th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,073.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,298.00.

CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Social Tea Dance in Cappawhite Resource Centre, Saturday July 30th, 9.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m. Music by Sam O'Doherty. Admission €8. Tickets available on the door or contact Sean O'Connor 086-8423172 for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL (THURLES): On Saturday next, July 23rd, the 15 Chernobyl Children, who are visiting the area, will attend and participate in the 7.30 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral. This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus desires that we, like his mother Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Joe Walsh, Vocations Director 086-7714888 or email jwalsh05@eircom.net

ACCORD COUNSELLING SERVICE: Accord offers a professional and confidential service facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage relationship. Accord Counsellors are trained to the highest professional standards. Accord training is accredited by the National Association of Pastoral Counsellor and Psychotherapists. To arrange an appointment contact 0504 22279.

SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT OPEN DAY: Come visit our Cancer Support Centre in Clongour Road, Wed. July 20th, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. and also see our newly developed 'Sensory Garden' which was kindly provided by our local community. All are welcome and refreshments served.

TIPPERARY COPD SUPPORT: Meeting in the Order of Malta Hall, July 27th @ 7.00 p.m. The aim of the meeting is to establish a support group for COPD sufferers in the Thurles Area. All welcome.

PETER MCKAY HEART FUND COFFEE MORNING: Sheppard Opticians, Liberty Square, Monday July 25th, from 10.00 a.m. in aid of three year old Peter who is in need of extensive medical treatment and eventually a heart transplant. Monster raffle also on the day. Please support.

ANNUAL MOYNE OUTING TO KILLARNEY: July 22nd – July 25th. Few places still available – if interested contact Kay @ 087 4150296 or Mary @ 086 3739750.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the Mandatory QQI Level 5 Care Skills module of the full Healthcare Award in Thurles towards the end of July (based on demand), Patient Moving and handling also provided. If interested kindly contact our training dept. on 057 9370221.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND CHARITY SHOP: Donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, etc. greatly appreciated. Also why not volunteer a couple of hours a week to the N.C.B.I. shop @ Kickham St. Thurles?

NEWLY BAPTISED: *James Martin Campion, Rossestown. *Kevin Jack O'Dwyer, Cabragh Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Josephine Hewitt, 38 Collins Park. †James (Jim) Fitzpatrick, 'Aisling', Dublin Road. †Sr. Rosario Weir, Presentation Sisters, Thurles, formerly Ballylongford, Co. Kerry. †Hannah Dwyer née Fogarty, Skeard, Holycross.