

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 every Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

YOUTH TOGETHER: Are you in First Year? Would you like a chance to be with your friends and have some fun? Then Youth Together may be for you. It is a monthly youth group, meeting in the Parish Centre and it is free! Check out the forms at the back of the church, or come along on Fri., Sept. 23rd, @ 6.30p.m., Parish Centre.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS (PETER'S PENCE) will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (4-Sep-16). Target for Thurles **€5,394.90**.

As always we appreciate your generosity.

YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: Are you interested in getting to know more about your Catholic faith? Would you like to be part of a study group upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

INVITATION TO A UNIQUE DAY CONFERENCE: Saturday Oct. 22nd, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. upon *“The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia and the World Meeting of Families in Ireland 2018”* incorporating the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Ireland and an opportunity to meet and engage with different movements and associations: St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, a working in-service day for all of us preparing for the journeys leading to and towards participating in the World Meeting of Families, 2018. Admission free. For further information and Booking Forms please contact Parish Office.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES: Monday Sept. 5th @ 7.30 p.m.

POOR CLARES: Monastic Experience Day, Saturday Sept. 17th, 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. If you're between the ages of 21 – 40, come talk to us about discerning a vocation with the Poor Clares. Contact Sr. Colette @ poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

YEAR OF MERCY:

“It's easier to show mercy than to receive it.” Really? Now why would that be? In showing mercy I can feel good about myself because I'm doing something virtuous. I can give myself a pat on the back subconsciously. I'm being magnanimous and benevolent. On the other hand, it seems that to receive mercy, I need to admit that I did something wrong or that I'm not perfect. If I were flawless, I wouldn't need God's mercy.

ST. AILBE'S WALK OF MERCY: Emly, Sunday Sept. 11th @ 3.00 p.m. In honour of St. Ailbe, patron our archdiocese, and a festive celebration of the Holy Year of Mercy. All parishes invited, especially the parishes of the medieval diocese of Emly.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 27th & 28th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,573.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,032.00.

DEVELOPMENT FUND (Fund raising target: €2.5m)

Total Income to July 31st 2016: €2,136,090.00

July Income:	€
Direct Donations	231
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	50
Standing Orders	340
Car Park	1,075
Total July Income	1,696
Total Income to June 2016	2,134,394
Total Income to July 2016	2,136,090

GOOD WISHES: To our Minor and Senior Hurling Teams in the All Ireland Finals, in particular, to our parishioners on both panels.

LEUGH NS CHIPPED FUN RUN/WALK: Friday Sept. 9th @ 6.30pm. Registration from 6.00 p.m. in the school on the evening or call to school the week of the Race.

THURLES COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTRE: If you are between 16 and 21 years of age and have left school early QQI level 3 and 4 courses in Employment Skills, Catering, Hairdressing, Woodwork and Computers are now enrolling. Training allowance available. Contact Anne on @ 21592 or call in to our centre @ Cabra Road.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: QQI Level Care Skills module in Thurles beginning September 9th 2016. To express an interest kindly contact 057 9370227.

COPD SUPPORT IRELAND: Support group meeting Wed. Sept. 14th Order of Malta Hall, Thurles @ 7.00p.m. Contact Kathleen @ 087 1335581 for further info.

I.C.A. MEETING: Next Wednesday, August 7th @ 8.00 p.m., Band Hall.

THURLES SILVER BAND: Practice resumes Monday September 5th @ 7.00p.m.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom this Sunday, Sept. 4th, 9.00 p.m. – 12 midnight. Music by *“Twice Shy”*. **SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES:** Commence in the Premier Ballroom, Tuesday Sept. 6th @ 8.20p.m. sharp. €25 for the six weeks course or €5 a night for six weeks. Quickstep, Waltz, Foxtrot, Novelty. Over 18s.

THURLES MORNING BRIDGE: Wednesday Sept. 7th @ 10.30 a.m., Anner Hotel.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE WALK: El Acebo to Sarria Sept. 29th – Oct. 8th, escorted by Fr. Oliver Maher & Fr. Joe Tynan. Contact Kavanagh Travel 056 8831189 or visit www.kavanaghtravel.com.

TIPPERARY LADIES MINI MARATHON: Thurles Sept. 25th @ 11.00 a.m. Further details and on line registration visit www.tippminimarathon.ie. €20 up to September 19th. Spot prizes on the day!

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Sept. 6th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Oliver (Ollie) O'Gorman, Mountrath, Co. Laois. †Deirdre Kelly-Mór, née Sweeney, Malahide, Dublin formerly Donegal. †Colette Carney, Miltown, Dublin. †Des McKenna, Castleblaney. †John Meskell, Ballinlard, Tipperary, formerly Ardmayle & Mitchel Street. †Patrick Shanahan, Dublin, ex Garda Band, formerly Limerick Junction.