

PARISH CENTRE: 2229/22779; 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.

EVENING OF REFLECTION, SONG & PRAISE: Celebrating the Year of Mercy Sunday, Oct. 9th @ 7.00 p.m. in Templemore Church with music provided by the combined choirs of Thurles Deanery which includes the parishes of Borrisoleigh & Ileigh, Drom & Inch, Loughmore & Castleiney, Templemore/Clonmore & Killea, Templetuohy & Moyne, Thurles and Upperchurch and Drombane. This celebration will replace Sunday evening Devotions in the Cathedral.

CELEBRATING OUR MISSIONARIES: On October 23rd 2016 Mission Sunday we would like to recognise all our missionaries: religious and lay, present and past, natives of our parish or those with relatives in our parish, be they on the missions full time or short term. Using the forms available in both churches please submit the following details of missionaries: name, location, duration of mission and a photograph if available (non-returnable) for display purposes to the Parish Office before **October 14th 2016.**

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT CEREMONIES:

Gaelscoil Bhríde First Holy Communion, Saturday Oct. 15th @ 7.30 p.m., Cathedral.

Rahealty N.S. First Holy Communion, Sunday Oct. 16th @ 10.30 a.m., Cathedral.

OCTOBER CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. Target this year: **€161,847.00.** Amount received: **€8,655.00.**

Amount collected to date: **€97,593.50.**

SECURITY ALERT: We have discovered that we have been the victim of theft in the Cathedral - if you have noticed any suspicious activity in or around the grounds of the Cathedral last Sunday/Monday

please contact Garda Martin Hopkins at Thurles Garda Station, (0504 25100).

DAY FOR LIFE 2016: 'Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, **wonder** is the only appropriate attitude.' (*Letter of St. John Paul II*). Information cards available at the back of both churches.

PARISH CELLS: A Joint meeting involving all the Cell members on **Tuesday Oct. 11th in Lámh Chúnta**, Bóthar Na Naomh, @ 7.30pm. We invite anyone who wishes to consider participation in the fortnightly **Cell** meetings to join with us and perhaps discover a pleasant, new experience. You will be most welcome.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Oct. 11th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Tues. Oct. 11th, 7.30 p.m.: Joint Cell Meeting.

Wed. Oct. 12th, 8.00 p.m.: Presentation Confirmation Parents' Meeting.

Thurs. Oct. 13th, 8.00 p.m.: Leugh Confirmation Parents' Meeting.

YEAR OF MERCY:

“God’s mercy overcomes every barrier and Jesus’ hand touches the leper. Jesus does not stand at a safe distance, and does not act by delegating, but, places himself in direct contact with our contagion” *Pope Francis.*

Reflect: Jesus takes from us our diseased humanity and we take from Him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a sacrament with faith. The Lord Jesus “touches” us and grants us his grace.

Act: Are there social barriers you need to overcome and so be an instrument of mercy.

YEAR OF MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL: The Thurles Adult Faith Formation Group are offering a guided pilgrimage tour through the ‘*four stations of Mercy*’ in the Cathedral, with prayers and reflection, **each Friday during October at 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.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP: St. Patrick’s College, Sat. Oct. 15th, 9.00 – 1.00 p.m. with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Kieran. All welcome.

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE OPEN DAYS: Thurs. 20th & Fri. 21st Oct., 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. MIC Campus, Limerick. Information on the full range of secondary school teaching degrees offered on the MIC, St Patrick’s Campus, Thurles also available. Information: Patrick.Cosgrove@mic.ul.ie @ 061 774775.

COLAISTE MUIRE CO-ED THURLES: Invite all 5th and 6th class students and their parents to our Open Night this Tuesday October 11th at 7.00p.m.

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS: *Billy Elliot* the Musical, Premier Hall, Thurs. 20th Oct - Sat. 22nd Oct @ 8.00 p.m. Tickets: 087 2739411.

REFRESH THURLES - Tidy Towns Group AGM Oct. 11th @ 8.00 p.m. in Commercial Room, Hayes Hotel. 087 270 1689 or via Facebook Refresh Thurles. All welcome.

THURLES FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB: Next meeting Tuesday Oct. 11th @ 8.15 p.m., Order of Malta Hall, Borroway with Garden Talk by Mary Ryan, Kilkenny.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Oct. 1st & 2nd 2016:

Cathedral: €2,388.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,850.00.

DEVELOPMENT FUND (Fund raising target: €2.5m)

Total Income to August 31st 2016: €2,137,195.00

August Income:	€
Direct Donations	735
Monthly/Weekly Contributions	30
Standing Orders	340
Total August Income	1,105
Total Income to July 2016	2,136,090
Total Income to August 2016	2,137,195

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Shay Barry Quinn, Cluain Dara, Monadreen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Margaret (Peg) Purcell, née Stakelum, Ard na Croise. †Angela Quigley, Kickham Street. †Breda Kennedy, Ard Mhuire. †Sr. Annunciata Cleary, Presentation Convent, Fethard & Thurles. †Bertie Clancy, Ballytarsna, Fermoy. †Thomas (Tom) McCormack, Australia, formerly Galboola Cross, Littleton.