

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505**

**BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.**

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://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.**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**MASS TIMES:** Cathedral: Wednesday: 7.30 p.m.; Thursday 8.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church: Wednesday 6.30 p.m.; Thursday: 10.00 a.m.

**ADVENT 2016:**

**EVENING PRAYER:** Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

**JESSE TREE** – We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour at our 10.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. Masses. Volunteers to read reflection can sign up at either sacristy.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure of their family crib for a blessing to all Masses next weekend, December 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>.

**INVITATION TO 'COME TO THE TABLE':** Archbishop Kieran invites you to read the Bible with the hope of encountering God and coming to understand Jesus in a new way. This initiative will begin as an opportunity to reflect upon the Word of God over three (3) nights during Advent. **Week 2** - *"The Big Story – the Shape of Salvation"* on **Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta** and continuing on **Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**POST FOR CHRISTMAS:**

In the coming weeks before Christmas you will receive a **Parish Calendar**, a **Letter to Parishioners**, a **Brochure of all Parish Groups** and a **Box of Collection Envelopes** for all collections including the **Weekly Offertory Collection**. We depend upon our volunteer Envelope Distributors to ensure that all parishioners receive these items before Christmas. Accordingly, we ask all our **Envelope Distributors** to gather for a **meeting on this Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Cathedral St.** We would greatly appreciate a full attendance and the help of extra volunteers to ensure an efficient distribution to all our parishioners. With thanks.

**FAMILY MASS:** Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

**MEET & GREET:** Volunteers required to hand out leaflets and welcome people to Mass in Cathedral and Bothar na Naomh on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please give your name and Mass time that suits you to the Parish Centre.

**INTERCESSION FOR OUR ARCHBISHOP & PRIESTS:** Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament Chapel @ 3.00p.m.

**ECO-SPIRITUALITY GROUP:** Thanks to all who attended the unveiling and blessing of the plaque and oak tree on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Extra prayer cards available at main door of Bóthar na Naomh Church. New members welcome. Ph. [0504]22229.

**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:** Our annual Carols by Candle Light Service will be held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00p.m.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

**Cathedral: €2,198.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,908.00.**

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:**

Mon. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 p.m.: Envelope Distributors Meeting.

Tues. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;

Tues. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 8.30p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA:**

Tues. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m.: 'Come to the Table' Scripture Reflection.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION** AFTER ALL MASSES this weekend, **December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.** Your support is needed and much appreciated.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TOY APPEAL:** The SVP Toy Appeal would like to make Christmas better for local families in need. We are keen to support the SVP in their endeavours as a small gesture could help make a Child's Christmas. To take part, simply drop off an unwrapped **new toy** in the collection box at the back of the church on the following dates: **Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup>/Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec; Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>/Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT:** Newbridge College, Kildare, Friday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. For more info check out [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) & see us on Facebook.

**O HOLY NIGHT:** Award winning priest Fr Liam Lawton in concert in Clonoulty Parish Church December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm, €20 per ticket. Tickets on sale @ Bookworm Bookshop or by ringing the following number 087/2961367.

**SCOIL AILBHE COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE:** Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the school hall. Come along and enjoy our treats and festive atmosphere.

**THURLES ORDER OF MALTA CADETS:** Fundraising car wash @ Ely's Centra, Slievenamon Rd. Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Please support.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS TRUST:** Hosts **Santa** on **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.** No Booking Necessary. Craft Stands & Children's Activities. Information @ 43879.

**THURLES CHRISTMAS SKYFEST:** Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. in Town park. Christmas stalls, fireworks, Santa grotto, train rides & much more.

**FULL TIME & PART TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS:** Coláiste Éile are now enrolling for full time and part time courses in a variety of areas including basic computer skills, ECDL, Occupational First Aid & others. No costs to medical card holders or social protection recipients. Registration: Mon. & Tues 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00a.m. – 12.30p.m.

**I.C.A.:** Meeting Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 8.00p.m. @ Band Hall.

**BINGO:** Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 8.30p.m. @ Premier Hall. Draw for Christmas Hamper every week until Christmas!

**PEAKE VILLA FC:** Celebrating 50 years, 1967 – 2017. Please submit photos or any other items of interest for next year's anniversary. Contact Kevin @ 087 4189660.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** Wednesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Order of Malta Rooms.

**THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB:** Ceilí Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Band Hall @ 8.00p.m. Music by Taylors Cross.

**SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE:** Next clinic **Monday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 10.00 a.m – 1.00 p.m. in St Mary's Health Centre.

**NCBI:** National Council of the Blind Ireland, Kickham Street – urgently seek unwanted items – clothes, shoes, 'bits and bobs' - all gratefully appreciated.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Mark Anthony Russell, Corbally.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Deirdre Fitzgibbon, née O'Mahony, Lower Mitchel Street. †Willie (Billy) Ryan, Clonoulty, Cashel. †Dolores (Lolly) Doyle, Cormackstown. †Ann Ryan, née Shorley, Ballymoreen, Littleton. †Alice Russell, née McGrath, Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris. †William (Bill) Doyle, Birchill, Drombane.