

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.

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral this Sunday, Dec. 18th, 7.00 p.m. We continue this centuries old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour. There will be an opportunity to contribute to our Christmas Cathedral Maintenance Appeal.

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.

CATHEDRAL CRIB: As part of our preparation for Christmas you are invited to visit and pray at our newly constructed crib.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Cathedral Tuesday Dec. 20th @ 7.00 p.m. which will include Holy Family Prayers and Mass. Next Holy Family Mass on Tuesday January 3rd 2017.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: This weekend, *December 17th/18th*. This Collection is for the support of priests, active & retired in the Archdiocese. Annual Target: **€161,847.00**. Amount collected to date: **€113,903.50**. The last envelope in your 2016 Collection Box (Purple envelope: 18-Dec-16). **Please give what you can. This is our last opportunity to contribute for 2016.** With thanks for all your contributions.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Friday Dec. 23rd after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

Cathedral: CHRISTMAS EVE all day from 11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS recommence after Christmas beginning on Friday Jan 6th 2017, in accord with the following;

Cathedral - Fridays 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.; Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. & after 7.30 p.m. Mass; Thursdays before First Fridays after 11.00 a.m. Mass.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Saturdays: After 10.00 a.m. & after 6.30 p.m. Mass. After 10.00 a.m. Mass Thursday before First Friday.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Cathedral: Christmas Eve: 8.00 p.m.;

Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Christmas Eve: Children's Mass: 6.30 p.m., Mass @ 10.00 p.m.;

Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

DAILY MASS after Christmas: Please Note - Bóthar na Naomh 10.00 a.m., Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. **ONLY** until Monday Jan. 2nd 2017 when the 8.00a.m. Mass recommences.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION usual times throughout Christmas except Christmas Day.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 10th & 11th 2016:

Cathedral: €2,327.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,278.00;

POST FOR CHRISTMAS: In the coming week 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.

MEET & GREET: We welcome all who will attend our Christmas Masses. Volunteers are required to hand out leaflets and welcome people to Mass in Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please give your name and Mass time that suits you to the Parish Centre.

THURLES ROTARY CLUB: Memorial Christmas Tree in aid of North Tipp Hospice/Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre. Visit the Rotary table in Thurles Shopping Centre Thurs. Dec. 15th - Christmas Eve or McKevitt's Cost Cutter on Sat. Dec. 17th. To remember a deceased family member or friend, write their name on the card and it will be attached to a red ribbon and put on the Christmas tree outside the Cathedral which will be blessed after the Carol Service on Sunday December 18th.

MONKS CAROL SINGERS: Will be singing again this year and collecting for charities in the town - all money collected is distributed to the charities. Please support!

ANAM CARA: Next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 19th December 7.30p.m. – 9.00p.m. Horse & Jockey Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents.

BINGO: Premier Hall, Wednesday December 21st 8.30p.m. Draw for Christmas Hampers. Spot Prizes on the night! Bingo continues on Wednesday December 28th.

CABRAGH WETLANDS. Join us for a celebration of the winter solstice/ rebirth of the sun at Cabragh Wetlands on Wednesday, December 21st @ 8.00 p.m.!

SESKIN LANE CHRISTMAS SHOW with Special Guests on Friday December 23rd @ The Source Arts Theatre. Doors open 8.15p.m. Tickets €12.00.

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

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE: 34/35 Croke Street. Independent & confidential Information & Advice on Rights & Entitlements. Open Monday – Friday, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. & Thursday 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Contact 0761 076510.

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 20th 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. Dec. 20th, 8.30p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Helen Scanlon, née Bourke, Kennedy Park. Requiem Mass Sunday, Cathedral @ 12 noon. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Jim Maher, Kilbrickane House, Loughmore. Requiem Mass Sunday, The Nativity of our Lady Church, Loughmore @ 11.00a.m. †John Delaney, Dublin formerly Slievenamon Road. †Aileen Lambe, France, formerly Glenmorgan House, Thurles. †Hugh Christie, Kingswood, Dublin. †Maureen Nee, née Burke, Duleek, Co. Meath.