

PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CC 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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday @ 7.00p.m.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES: Meeting Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00p.m.

#### PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

As we have been informing you over the past few weeks Thurles Parish is in the process of setting up a Parish Pastoral Council. We would like to outline the proposed structure of this council today.

From the review process already carried out it is envisaged that the Pastoral Council would consist of eight lay people along with the Priests of the parish. These eight parishioners would be nominated and selected by the parish community. It is hoped that there would be a good gender balance, age-spread and involvement from different areas of the parish to ensure the best representation of the community. As an opportunity for the people of Thurles to get involved, there will be 4 Lenten talks on **Thursday's March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30p.m.** in Lámh Chúnta. The speakers will include Archbishop Kieran (see article in latest issue of Tipperary Star) as well as those involved in developing Parish Pastoral Council at national and regional level. Further details of these talks will be given in next week's newsletter.

**REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES FOR LENT:** 3 Monday nights, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh with people from surrounding parishes. All welcome.

**EVENING OF CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS – MEDITATION & HEALING:** Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. The evening will comprise of scriptural meditation, helpful inputs on how we can integrate concepts from mindfulness into our faith in a way that helps us to reduce stress and help us towards wholeness. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan.

**CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISING DRAW:** Tickets available from Pierce Murphy @ 087 2024517 and Thomas Callanan @ 0504 21724.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO NEW YORK:** A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from May 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip. Itinerary includes a Requiem Mass on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral for the re-internment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock witnesses and will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. If interested contact Joe Walsh Tours @ 01 2410800 or email [bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie)

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't feed exploitation. Full details of local events throughout the fortnight will be available shortly.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2017:

Cathedral: €2,784.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,878.00.

#### UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8.30p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

**LEGION OF MARY** is a movement of lay people who propose to make faith the aspiration of their lives up to the achievement of personal sanctity. It is only 85 years old and it already has three lay members whose cause for canonization has been introduced. Our Lady of Good Council Presidium meets on Tuesdays, Edel Quinn Hall, Lr. Croke St. @ 2.30 p.m. Further info: 087 6690062. All welcome.

**PRESENTATION SISTERS & SCHOOL COMMUNITIES THURLES** invite pupils, past pupils and friends of the Presentation to the launch of an historical record of "The Presentation Sisters in Thurles 1817 - 2017" Photographic Exhibition in the Source Library from Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME:** Join the supportive student community at the Prior Institute and study theology by distance learning this spring. Application deadline: February 28<sup>th</sup>. Further information from 01 4048124 or email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

**JUNO & THE PAYCOCK:** Nightly at 8.00p.m. by Thurles Drama Group in The Source from Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Directed by Margaret McCormack.

**SUE RYDER SHOP** would greatly appreciate donations of ladies & gents clothing bric/brac etc.

**DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT THURLES RAILWAY SHOP:** Volunteers needed to support both our service users and staff in their newsagents which is based in Thurles Station. *Information on our Volunteer Programme contact* Tom Connolly, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Ltd. @ 087-9283425 E-Mail: [tom.connolly@lim-docservice.ie](mailto:tom.connolly@lim-docservice.ie).

**CLUB FOR DANCING:** Premier Ballroom this Sunday, Feb.19<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 p.m. – midnight. Music: Finbarr Dennehy.

**SCOIL MOCHAOMHÓG NA OFA, TWO-MILE-BORRIS:** Open Day Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1.00 p.m. in school. If your child is turning 5 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 come and visit our school. All are welcome. Contact: 0504 44466.

**TIPPERARY PEOPLE & PLACES SERIES:** Lecture by Dr. Barry O'Reilly on 'Traditional Hamlets of Ireland' in The Source, Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7.30 p.m. For further details contact (0504 29278) or [www.tipperarystudies.ie](http://www.tipperarystudies.ie)

**CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Gift yourselves a special weekend together to boost and refresh your relationship. The next weekend is in the Creggan Court Hotel Athlone, March 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>. Booking: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or @ 087-7840408.

**FOUND:** Set of keys in Kennedy Park on Thursday last. Contact Parish Office for details.

**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.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Layla Grace Ryan Moore, Innisfallen Avenue.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †James (Jim) Gleeson, The Grove, Turtulla. †Seán Hassett, Ballytarsna, Horse & Jockey. †Delia Condon, Ballinure. †Sheila Ashe, Annascaul, Co. Kerry. †Seán O'Mahony, Cork, late of Ballyduff.