

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.

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

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2017: Usual Daily Mass Times.

LENTEN GARDEN – A visit to the Cathedral Apse will afford the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on our journey through Lent towards Easter.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES Available at the back of both churches. With your support, Trócaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis this year. We welcome our Trócaire speakers this weekend - Colm Hogan and Jason Rice.

CONFIRMATION: Next Saturday, April 1st @ 11.00a.m. Children from C.B.S., Gaelscoil, Leugh, Presentation and Ursuline Schools will receive their Confirmation in the Cathedral @ 11.00a.m. Please refrain from using cameras or any video equipment during the ceremony. We wish every blessing on the children who will be confirmed and on their families.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION: Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the *world meeting of families* from August 21st – 26th 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway and hosting this event requires an enormous amount of funding. This collection will be taken up as a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend, April 1st/2nd 2017.

HEARING HAPPENING HOPING – PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES FOR LENT will continue on next Monday evening at **7.30 p.m. in Lámh Chúnta**. All are welcome to this prayerful reflection upon next Sunday's Gospel.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD: Closing date for the 2017 Pope John Paul II Awards is March 31st 2017. Return to Diocesan Office or contact Fr. Vincent @ 22688.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) – THE NEXT STEP:

Our series of talks during Lent conclude on **Thurs. March 30th in Lámh Chúnta @ 7.30 p.m. with Sr. Betty Baker who will speak on 'Clarifying how People and Priests work together using a PPC Model'** - the challenge of creating a team working together, while respecting the rights, roles and desires of members to take responsibility for their Parish. Sr. Betty, a Salesian Sister, has engaged with parishes of the Diocese of Limerick in the setting up of PPC's. We look forward to having you with us.

The presentations of Archbishop Kieran and Martin Kennedy can be viewed on our parish website (see www.thurlesparish.ie) as will the other speakers in due course. Also, CD's of each presentation can be ordered through the Parish Office.

EARTH HOUR: Cathedral bells will ring to announce Earth Hour (8.30 to 9.30p.m.) Sat. March 25th. You are invited to turn off all non-essential lights during this hour.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Mar. 28th 4.00p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS – LÁMH CHÚNTA:

Mon. Mar. 27th 7.30p.m.: Reflections on the Scriptures for Lent.

Thur. Mar. 30th 7.30p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council, Evening Four.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 19th & 20th 2017.

Cathedral: €2,123.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,615.00.

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS, ORGANISATIONS & SOCIETIES: The Directory of the Thurles Clubs, Organisations & Societies is now live on our Parish website. We ask each of the 80+ groups listed to check for their own details. If your group would like to be listed please submit details to the Parish Office. Congratulations to our People & Priests Group upon preparing the Directory. It crowns the success of our Exhibition of February 2016.

BUILDING RURAL COMMUNITY Conference: Lessons from the World Of Sport, Speakers; Pat Spillane, Pdraig Giblin (Entrepreneur), Anna May McHugh (N.P.A.), Michael Ryan (Tipp Hurling Manager), John Hayes (Irish & Munster Rugby) on Wednesday March 29th 7.00p.m. – 9.30p.m., St. Patrick's Campus, Mary Immaculate College, Thurles (formerly St. Patrick's College). Cost €10 including refreshments. Hosted by the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies. Book your ticket online at www.buildingruralcommunities.com, or email Eamonn.Fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie or telephone 0504 21201. See Church noticeboard for details.

SUE RYDER SHOP REQUEST: Donations of Ladies & Gents clothing, bric-a-brac, etc.

COLAISTE MHUIRE CO-ED THURLES PLC COURSES OPEN NIGHT: Thursday March 30th at 7.00 p.m. Offering Fetac QQI Level 5 & 6 full time courses commencing in September. Contact 0504 21734 for more information or check out on cmco.ie

STUDENT TEACHER EXPERIENCE DAY: Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles - Saturday April 8th, 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Attend 'taster lectures', learn about the Student Placement Experience, get more information on our second level concurrent teacher education programmes in the areas of Accounting, Business, Gaelge and Religious Studies. To register, email your name, contact details and the programme you are interested in to paula.hourigan@mic.ul.ie.

THURLES C.B.S. PARENTS COUNCIL: Table Quiz in the school assembly hall Thursday March 30th @ 8.30 p.m. Tables of four €20. Support would be greatly appreciated.

LADIES DAY OUT: Anner Hotel. Sunday April 2nd at 12.30 p.m. Enjoy lunch, make up demonstration, skincare tips and spot prizes. Special guest John Healy from The Restaurant. Tickets available from Presentation Secondary School Thurles and presthurles.ie. €30. In aid of the Astro Turf facility at the Presentation.

REUNION OF PAST & PRESENT RESIDENTS: Of Matthew Ave, Castle Ave. and Castle Park will take place in Bowes, Friar St. on Saturday April 8th from 9.00 p.m. For further information please phone 0870660999.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom Sun. March 26th, 9.00 p.m. – 12 midnight. Music by "Dave Rae". Admission: €9.

HEALTH & WELL BEING PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT: Wednesday, March 29th, Community Hospital of the Assumption, 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Drop in for advice on health checks, healthy eating, mental wellness and much more!

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Saoirse Alice Glenn, England.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Paddy O'Brien, Willowmere Drive, formerly Butler Avenue. Funeral Mass this Sunday Cathedral @ 12 noon. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Richard Ryan, Cabra Court. Reposing at Hugh Ryan's Funeral Home, Slievenamon Road Sunday from 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. Funeral arriving to the Cathedral @ 6.30p.m. Funeral Mass Monday @ 11.00a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Ellen (Nellie) O'Connell, Barronstown, Loughmore. †Francis Maher, Glenbane, Holycross. †Tom Moran, Dundalk. †Veronica (Ronnie) O'Dwyer, née Griffin, Cork City.