

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.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday @ 7.00 p.m.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP KIERAN: “*Prepare the Way of the Lord*”. The Pastoral Letter is an invitation to all people and priests of the Archdiocese to participate in a “**Listening Process**” with a view to planning the journey ahead under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – all are welcome. Copies of Pastoral Letter available in both Churches – please take one home with you.

EVENING OF FAREWELL

Friday October 6th at 8pm in the Premier Hall. There will be a short prayer service followed by a presentation and music by local musicians. There will also be light refreshments served on the night. To ensure a successful running of the night we are now looking for **volunteers** to help with catering, setting up the hall and helping on night of the event. Donations of cakes, buns, etc. would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate confectionery or volunteer please contact the Parish Office. For a slide show on the night we need photos of the work of the three priests in the parish down the years. If you have any suitable pictures please email same to parishcentre@thurlesparish.ie or by hand to the Parish Office.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHOIR will sing at 11.30 a.m. Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church this Sunday, Sept. 17th. Practise resumes on Monday, Sept. 18th @ 7.30 p.m. New members welcome.

THURLES CATHEDRAL CHOIR are recruiting NEW MEMBERS for all lines, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass for forthcoming Gala Christmas Concert. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays in the Cathedral at 8.00 p.m. For further information call John on 085 7088578 or Irene on 087 2419487.

THURLES PARISH YOUTH CHOIR: Are you in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th Class? Do you enjoy singing? We rehearse on Tuesdays from 4.00 -4.40 p.m. in the Parish Centre. If you would like to be involved, come along next **Tuesday, Sept. 19th** and join in the fun. We sing once a month at Mass. Boys and girls are welcome!

KNOCK: Sunday September 24th. Bus will leave from the Cathedral at 8.00 a.m. sharp. Contact Noreen @ 0504 21505 or Jim @ 0504 21260 or 0858278014.

ANAM CARA: Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 18th September at 7:30p.m. in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

URSULINE ASSOCIATION: Meeting Monday 18th September @ 8.00p.m.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING: Wed. Sept. 20th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION September 9th & 10th 2017:

Cathedral: €1,938.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,347.00.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The Icon of the Holy Family has now completed its journey through our diocese from Holycross Abbey to Emly and onto Newport.

Amoris Programme: In the coming weeks **each parish in the diocese will receive actual copies** of the following Amoris publications which are already online at www.amoris.ie and www.worldmeeting2018.ie: **1. Practical Initiatives for Popular Moments** - a menu of 14 resources for family activities at Sacramental and Seasonal moments in the parishes. **2. The Joy of Love - Parish conversations** - a six session discussion programme on the *Joy of Love* (Pope Francis). **3. A guide** - a training resource to equip local volunteers to deliver some of the above. The back-up resources for the practical initiatives will be appearing online over the next few weeks. In order to support parishes throughout the diocese with regard to the above material, **a diocesan gathering for people and priests, to be held in the Great National Ballykisteon Hotel on 18th Oct**, will include a presentation on the **Amoris Programme**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details. A further training evening facilitated by Martin Kennedy (WMOF Pastoral Programme Coordinator) is planned for **Nov 8th 2017** - details later.

LEUGH N.S. FUN RUN/WALK: Sunday Sept. 17th @11.00 a.m. Registration in the school from 10.00 a.m. Primary School children FREE! Tel. 0504 23111.

THURLES GIRL GUIDE, BROWNIE AND LADYBIRD UNITS will return to meetings week commencing 25th September. Unwanted uniforms appreciated and any enquiries contact Mary 0876204848.

THURLES SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB: Disco next Wednesday, Sept. 20th in Rugby Club, 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. Basketball resumes Wed. Sept. 27th, Sarsfields Centre, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

SUPPORTERS PROGRAMME: For anyone who is supporting a family member, friend or neighbour with their mental health. You will learn practical skills, get information on services as well as tips on how to look after your own mental health and wellbeing. Training on **October 10th, 17th & 24th**, Order of Malta Building. Facilitated by 2 Facilitators one of whom has personal experience of supporting someone with their mental health. **FREE of Charge** (usually €75 per person). Contact NTLP on 087 9280755 - eligibility may apply.

CLUB FOR DANCING: This Sunday, Sept. 17th, 9.00 p.m. - 12 midnight. Music by “Dermot Lyons”.

BRIDGE LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS: Commencing **Thursday Sept. 28th**. Information: Paddy & Noreen Gleeson @ 22620/ Frank Kelly @ 087 8107469.

I.C.A. MEETING: Work Night Wed. Sept. 20th, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall, Stradavoher.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us to celebrate the Autumn Equinox at Cabragh Wetlands on Wed. Sept. 20th at 8pm. All are welcome.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Sept. 19 th , 4.00 p.m.:	Parish Youth Choir;
Tues. Sept. 19 th , 6.00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting;
Tues. Sept. 19 th , 8.30 p.m.:	Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. Sept. 20 th , 7.30 p.m.:	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
Thurs. Sept. 21 st , 7.30 p.m.:	Eco-Spirituality Group.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Ciara Harty, Stradavoher Court.