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WEBSITE: www.thurlesparish.ie email: parishcentre@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. Pallottine College Chapel: Sunday & Weekday Masses @ 10.00 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC 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 evening @ 7.00p.m.

FEBRUARY CLERGY COLLECTION Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Annual Target €154,140.00. Amount received: €15,340.00.

LENT 2018:

SUNDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 7.00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th - Day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Usual daily Masses with Evening Mass in the Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m. Ashes also available in Pallottine Chapel after 10.00 a.m. Mass and in Pallottine Office until 5.00 p.m.

MASS TIMES FOR LENT 2018: Usual Weekend & Daily Mass Times.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES available at the back of both churches this weekend. Information evening on the Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2018 will take place on February 20th in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh @ 7.30 p.m. This evening will focus on the work of Trócaire in Sierra Leone in Africa. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

JAMES KILBANE IN CONCERT: HYMNS & SONGS OF FAITH: Celebrating the World Meeting of Families 2018: Sunday March 4^{th,} SS Joseph & Brigid's Church, Bóthar na Naomh. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Concert at 8.00 p.m. Donation Tickets €20 now available in the Parish Office and Bookworm, Liberty Square. It is our hope in this year of the World Meeting of Families that this evening will increase the faith we have and strengthen the hope we share.

THREE HOUR VIGIL: In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pallottine Chapel Monday Feb. 12th 7.30p.m. – 10.30p.m. All are welcome.

LET'S TALK FAMILY, LET'S BE FAMILY AMORIS PROGRAMME: St. Valentine's Day Cards and Gift Tokens based on themes from The Joy of Love by Pope Francis are available at the back of both churches this weekend. Also available novelty St. Patrick's Day window and car bumper stickers highlighting the nature of God as a family of persons in the Trinity as outlined in The Joy of Love.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PARISH TRAINING: Ballykisteen Hotel, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 7.00 p.m. Please book your place with the priest(s) of the parish.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Feb. 13th 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. Feb. 13th 7.30p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA

Wed. Feb. 14th, 7.30 p.m.: Thurles Care Volunteers' Meeting.

THURLES PARISH DATES TO REMEMBER:

<u>Sacrament of First Confession for all First Communion Children:</u> Cathedral, Monday April 16th, 7.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Dates:

LEUGH N.S.: Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday April 29th, 11.30 a.m.

GAELSCOIL BHRÍDE: Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday May 13th, 11.30 a.m.

SCOIL AILBHE: Bóthar na Naomh Church Sunday May 20th, 11.30 a.m.

SCOIL MHUIRE PRESENTATION: Cathedral Sunday May 20th, 10.30 a.m.

SCOIL ANGELA URSULINE: Cathedral Sunday May 27th, 10.30 a.m.

RAHEALTY N.S.: Cathedral Sunday May 27th, 12 noon.

Pre-Confirmation Mass: Cathedral, Saturday February 24th @ 7.30 p.m. Confirmation Day: Saturday April 28th, 11.00 a.m., Cathedral.

"COME AND SEE": February 23rd/24th 2018 – Pallottine College. Thinking about Priesthood? Meet others discerning priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, and on the Saturday morning there will be prayer, breakfast and discussion. There will be time for Adoration, with Mass at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12.30 p.m., final discussion and departure at 3.00 p.m. Advance booking is required. Event is free of charge. Contact your local priest or vocations director. **YOUNG SCIENTISTS TIPPERARY:** Cabragh Wetlands, Sunday Feb. 11th, 12

noon – 4.00 p.m. All are welcome to visit and support some of our local Young Scientists who exhibited recently at Young Scientist of the Year Awards in the R.D.S.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WORKSHOPS TO BETTER SUPPORT CUSTOMERS: The workshops are part of the ongoing **Dementia: Understand Together** initiative to create better understanding and awareness about the condition. Workshops continue **Fridays 16th & 23rd**, from 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in **The Source Arts Centre.** For more information contact Ursula on 086 8381818. **BUÍOCHAS Ó GHAELSCOIL BHRÍDE:** Ba mhian le Rang 6 Gaelscoil Bhríde

buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le gach duine a thacaigh lena ndíolachán cácaí ar son Trócaire le déanaí. Bhailíomar €4,500 ar son na cúise. Rang 6, Gaelscoil Bhríde wish to sincerely thank all those who so generously supported their cake sale.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom Sunday Feb. 11th, 8.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. **MIDLAND CAT CLUB FOR IRELAND & GCCFI REGIONAL**: Championship Cat Show, Presentation Sports Complex on Sunday February 11th from 12.30 p.m.

THURLES SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB: Valentine's Disco Wed. Feb. 14th, Thurles Rugby Club from 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. All welcome.

THURLES DRAMA GROUP PRESENT: Noel Coward's comic play Blithe Spirit from Mon.Feb. 19th – Sat. 25th at The Source, 8.00 p.m. nightly. Opening night proceeds go to Lions Club Blue Door Project. Booking at the Source 0504 90204.

FOUND: Pair of Gloves Fri. Feb. 2nd outside post office. Contact Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION February 3rd & 4th 2018:

Cathedral: €2,332.00; **Bóthar na Naomh**: €2,537.00

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Thomas Stapleton, Brittas Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Walter Dowd, Willowmere Drive. †Ann (Nancy) Fitzgerald, née Ryan, Beechwood Grove, Monakeeba formerly Kincora Terrace. †Ned O'Shea, Carraig Dúin, formerly Croke Street. †Marie Condon, Dublin Road. †Mary O'Gorman, Shannon. †Tom Shanahan, Grenanstown, Toomevara.