

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505;
BÓTHAR-NA-NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.**

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.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church this Sunday at 7.00 p.m.
DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL COLLECTION: Target: €38,535.00. Amount Received: €6,855.00. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection.

JAMES KILBANE IN CONCERT: Sincere thanks to all who supported and helped with this recent event. It was a wonderful success and a great night enjoyed by all.

BI-MONTHLY CATHEDRAL CLEANING: Next Tuesday, Mar. 20th @ 8.15 p.m. We look forward to working with our new volunteers – if you didn't leave your name at the Parish Office please come along.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Meeting for Volunteers (Readers, Stewards or anyone who would like to become involved) Wednesday March 21st, Parish Centre @ 9.00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS: As Holy Week and Easter approaches the priests of the Parish will bring Communion to the Sick and Housebound in preparation for Easter.

THEME "GOD'S DREAM FOR LOVE": Tues. March 20th, 7.30 p.m., Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh. Parishioners from parishes in the Deanery are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Mar. 20th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;
Tues. Mar. 20th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. Mar. 21st, 7.00 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council.
Wed. Mar. 21st, 9.00 p.m.: Outdoor Stations of the Cross Preparation.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: LÁMH CHÚNTA

Tues. Mar. 20th, 7.30 p.m.: "God's Dream for Love"

FATIMA APOSTOLATE THREE HOUR VIGIL: Pallottine Chapel, Monday March 19th (Feast of St. Joseph), commencing at 7.30 p.m.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES MEETING: Monday March 19th @ 8.00 p.m.

PALLOTTINE CHAPEL: Mass with Fr. B. Walsh, Wed. March 21st at 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ASSEMBLY: St. Patrick's College, Sat. Mar. 24th, 9.05 a.m. – 1.00 p.m., beginning with Rosary. Mass at 9.30 a.m. All very welcome.

ACCORD: Are recruiting people to train as Marriage Education Facilitator. If interested come along to 'Certificate in Marriage Education' information evening Mon. March 26th, Accord House, Cathedral Street. Further details: 0504 22279.

FASHION SHOW: Presentation Secondary School Sports Complex, Thurs. March 22nd, 8.00 p.m. Cheese & wine reception 7.15p.m. Tickets from office @ 0504-22291.

RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS: Meeting Wed. Mar. 21st, 7.00 p.m., Archbishop's House. Information: phone/text 083 8422468.

COLAISTE MHUIRE CO-ED.: PLC Courses Open Night Wednesday 21st March at 7.00 p.m. Contact 0504 21734 for more information or check out on cmco.ie

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wed. March 21st 11.00a.m. Order of Malta Rooms.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017

Variation	2017	2016	%
	€	€	
Income			
Offertory collection	244,736	240,694	1.7%
Shrines/candles	56,870	55,035	3.3%
Charity tax refund	38,758	51,016	-24.0%
Parish Centre	14,086	11,310	24.5%
Other income (including donations etc.)	10,804	11,237	-3.9%
	<u>365,254</u>	<u>369,292</u>	-1.1%
Expenditure			
Salaries	106,091	106,465	-0.4%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	36,990	37,381	-1.0%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	48,912	32,010	52.8%
Heating, lighting, phone, postage & stationery	56,232	53,302	5.5%
Parish insurance	19,806	19,795	0.1%
Other expenses	41,675	34,052	22.4%
Common fund shortfall (collected €154,140)	0	0	
Other collections shortfall (collected €35,027)	24,403	21,522	13.4%
	<u>334,108</u>	<u>304,527</u>	9.7%
Surplus / (Shortfall) for year	<u>€31,146</u>	<u>€64,765</u>	

The Parish is showing a surplus of €31,146 for 2017 compared with a surplus of €64,765 for 2016 with gross income down slightly to €365,254 (2016 €369,292).

The net spend on maintenance, repairs and decoration of €48,912 is up on the 2016 figure of €32,010. The increase is mainly attributable to Parish Centre repairs, decoration and Cathedral lighting.

The collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly to the Common Fund. Our Parish reached its target of €154,140 for 2017, (2016 target was €161,847) reflecting the generous response of Parishioners, to our appeal before Christmas.

We also had targets for the other collections (Diocesan Needs Appeal, Education of Priests, Peter's Pence and Missions) on which there was a net shortfall of €23,403 (2016 €21,522). All collection shortfalls must be funded out of Parish income.

Funds raised under the Parish Development Plan (Building Fund) are accounted for separately and periodically reported in our Parish newsletter.

We thank sincerely all Parishioners for their generous support in so many ways during the past year.

*Rev. (James Purcell, Cathedral Rep.) Rev. Vincent Stapleton, (Bothar na Naomh Rep.)
6th March 2018 Accountants: Patrick C. Horan & Co.*

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Paula Terry Dwyer, Rathmanna.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Wade, Monakeeba. †George Buckley, Shyan Terrace, Mitchel Street. †Seamus Spillane, Long Island, N.Y. formerly Derheen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 10th & 11th 2018:

Cathedral: €2,355.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,952.00.