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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.

EUCCHARISITIC 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 at 7.00 p.m.

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. Hosting this event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. Thurles Parish collection, as part of the National Collection, will be taken up as a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend, May 5th & 6th.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to all the Young People who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral on Saturday and to their parents and teachers.

THURLES PARISH SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday April 29th: Leugh N.S. - Bóthar Na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.

Sunday May 13th: Gaelscoil Bhríde - Bóthar Na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.

Sunday May 20th: Scoil Mhuire Pres. Primary School - Cathedral @ 10.30a.m.

Sunday May 20th: Scoil Ailbhe - Bóthar Na Naomh Church @ 11.30a.m.

Sunday May 27th: Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary - Cathedral @ 10.30a.m.

Sunday May 27th: Rahealty National School - Cathedral @ 12 noon.

In the interest of the sacredness of the ceremony and Children First Guidelines we ask you to refrain from photography and videography during all our First Communion Ceremonies over the next few weeks.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGNERS will have a speaker at all Masses this weekend, April 28th/29th, in both Churches. As children from Leugh N.S. are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 11.30 a.m. Mass Sunday April 29th in Bóthar na Naomh Church it is the wish of the Pro-Life Campaigners not to speak at this Mass.

ROSARY AND THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY for the protection of all life at the Sacred Heart Statue, Liberty Square at 12 noon, every Friday until May 25th.

ANEW (formerly Life Pregnancy Care) provides professional Crisis Pregnancy Counselling, Counselling after Abortion and Family Support Services at the Mall Thurles (across from GAA Museum) from Monday to Wednesday. Telephone 0504-24402/086-1806337, National Helpline 1800281281, www.anew.ie.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday May 4th. Communion Calls as arranged by the priest. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15p.m.)

THREE HOUR VIGIL: In honour of our Lady of Fatima Pallottine Chapel Monday May 14th 7.30p.m. – 10.30p.m. All are welcome.

FUN WALK FOR THURLES CARE (5km): Friday June 15th – more details later.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION APRIL 21st & 22nd 2018:

Cathedral: €2,447.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,970.00.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. May 1st 3.15p.m.:

Liturgy Meeting.

Tues. May 1st, 4.00 p.m.:

Parish Youth Choir.

Tues. May 1st 8.15 p.m.:

Family Mass Meeting

Tues. May 1st 8.30p.m.:

Parents Baptism Preparation Meeting.

Thurs. May 3rd 7.30 p.m.:

Listening Process Planning Group.

PHIL COULTER - CATHEDRAL ECHOES - Tickets now available in the Parish Centre, Cathedral Street and Bookworm, Liberty Square. Enjoy an evening with the internationally renowned composer and musician Phil Coulter in the **Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on Friday September 28th**. This event will mark the beginning of our fundraising for the Cathedral re-roofing project. **Ticket Donation: €35.**

DIOCESAN FAMILY FUN DAY: This Sunday April 29th, starting @ 1.00pm with our Youth Walk, Fun Activities for Families, Exhibition, Liturgy with Choirs (from 2.30pm to 3.00pm) **to continue until 4.30pm in Tipperary Racecourse, Limerick Junction this Sunday, 29th April 2018.** Entry is free with donations welcome. A real family day out! Visit www.cashel-emly.ie-pastoralresources

LOURDES YOUTH HELPERS THANKS: To all who supported our recent Table Quiz. A special thanks to all our sponsors who were very generous. €900 was raised! **CASHEL AND EMLY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 16-21ST JUNE:** Would you be interested in volunteering as a senior helper with the pilgrimage. If you are please contact Fr Jimmy Donnelly on 061 380165 for more information.

TIPPERARY BRANCH OF PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND: Annual Mass in the Community Hospital of the Assumption Chapel on Friday May 11th @ 5.30 p.m. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

LOUGH DERG 2018: One Day Retreats commencing Sat. May 5th. Retreats continue from May 6th. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518.

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. May 2nd 8.30p.m. €3000.00 prize money.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us in celebrating Bealtaine on Monday April 30th at 8.00 p.m. After a long winter let us celebrate better times ahead. All are welcome.

POKER CLASSIC: Friday May 4th in Kinane's, Upperchurch at 9.00 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Church Building in Tanzania

FUNDRAISER DANCE: Resource Centre, Cappawhite next Saturday May 5th.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meeting Wed. May 2nd @ 11.00a.m. Order of Malta Rooms.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Hall, Sunday April 29th, 8.30 – 11.30 p.m. Music by Finbarr Dennehy.

I.C.A. MEETING: Band Hall, Wed. May 2nd @ 8.00 p.m.

OUR PARISH, OUR FUTURE, YOUR SAY – LISTENING EVENING

The Parish of Thurles is looking anew at preparing for the future needs of our community. This is a planning process that is best taken together, talking to one another and listening to each other's opinions, concerns and hopes for the future. To help begin this journey we extend an open invite to all to come to a **"Listening Evening" in The Premier Hall on Tuesday, 8th May at 8pm.**

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Zara Tessa Collins, Kilrush. *Fíadh Ann Ryan, Grawn, Two Mile Borris.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Larry Walsh, Dualla. †Elizabeth Purcell, née Upton, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.