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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.

JESSE TREE: As we prepare for Christmas, we decorate the Jesse Tree. We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour during our Advent Masses.

ADVENT THOUGHT: *This Advent while we are waiting in joyful hope help us Jesus to see your face in the eyes of every homeless man or woman we meet so that we may be encouraged through word and deed, to bring justice and peace to those who are in need of shelter. Amen. Join us for Evening Prayer this Sunday, Dec. 16th in the Cathedral at 7.00 p.m.*

CHRISTMAS 2018:

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

EVENING OF FORGIVENESS: Take time to “*Come and make your Peace*” in the Cathedral, Monday Dec. 17th.
Confessions from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.



CONFESSIONS: Monday Dec. 24th all day from 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE SCRIPTURES: This advent reflect on the Sunday Readings in MIC St. Patrick's Campus @ 7.30 p.m. on Thurs. Dec. 20th.

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral next Sunday Dec. 23rd, 7.00 p.m. We continue this century old tradition, started by St. Francis of Assis, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: *Cathedral:* Christmas Eve – 8.00 p.m.; Christmas Day – 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon. *Bóthar na Naomh Church:* Christmas Eve – Children's Mass: 6.30 p.m.; Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: This weekend, December 15th & 16th. This collection is for the support of priests, active and retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last clergy collection for 2018 and we would like to say a very big thanks to all who contributed during the year. Parish commitments, financial and otherwise continue to grow and thanks to the huge generosity of you, the parishioners, we met our target last year. Target: €146,433.00. Amount received to date: €117,293.83. Please give as generously as you can and while we appreciate that this is a demanding time of year for all, every little helps.

DECEMBER 2018: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Letter to Parishioners and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2019 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 6th, 2019. A very big thanks to all the distributors, new and existing, for undertaking this task. All envelopes will be distributed before Christmas. If you do not receive your package please contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Your final opportunity to buy tickets for this Draw which takes place on Tuesday Dec. 18th in the Parish Centre after 11.00 a.m. Mass. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5 on sale at the Parish Centre.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 18th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.
Tues. Dec. 18th, 7.30 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council;
Tues. Dec. 18th, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. Dec. 19th, 6.30 p.m.: Altar Servers & Youth Choir Christmas Party.

LISTENING PROCESS: Listening Gatherings have taken place in all 46 parishes of our diocese. You're welcome to **have your say online** and to help plan the future of our parishes in Cashel and Emly by visiting www.cashel-emly.ie – just follow the links to our Listening Questionnaire. This stage of our Listening Process will conclude on December 31st 2018 and feedback will commence in Spring 2019. With thanks to all who have participated in our Listening Process as we seek to plan a way forward.

POLISH MASS: Polska Msza Sw odbedzie sie 23 Grudnia w kaplicy Siostr Presentation o godz 13-tej. Spowiedz przed Mszą, Presentation Convent Chapel, Sunday Dec. 23rd at 1 pm. Confession before Mass.

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: The Old School House, The Mall (opposite Centra), Sat. Dec. 22nd, 11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

MONKS CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS in association with the Monks Golf Society will be singing in Thurles in the lead up to Christmas in Aid of Local Charities. Please support. All monies donated is given to the charities.

CAMEO CARE: Donations of household goods, furniture and Christmas Decorations needed. Contact Margaret @ 087 6866359.

THURLES MEN'S SHED: The Shed is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at new premises at Stradavoher (Meals on Wheels). New members always welcome. Contact Bill @ 0868806555.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Come and join us for the 'Celebration of the Winter Solstice' on Friday Dec 21st at 8.00p.m.

BINGO: Premier Hall Wednesday, Dec. 19th 8.30 p.m. Christmas Hamper Draw!

TIPPERARY PARKINSONS ASSOCIATION.: Upperchurch Drombane Youth Choir will sing Christmas Carols in Community Hospital of the Assumption **Thursday Dec. 20th @ 5.30 p.m.** All are welcome.

THE SOURCE: Tuesday Dec. 18th at 7.30p.m. - 'Death Census of 1847' by Brian Gurrin where priests gave information on the prevailing conditions in their parishes.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Hall Sunday Dec. 16th @ 8.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. Admission €9.00. Music by "Dermot Lyons".

LOUGHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL: "Bric a Brac sale" on Sunday Dec. 16th in Loughmore Community Centre from 11.30 a.m. Info from Niamh on 086-3642792.

FOUND: Ladies Spectacles in Kennedy Park. Contact Parish Centre for details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Dec. 8th & 9th 2018:

Cathedral: €2,235.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,083.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Max Edward Kennedy, Galboola, Littleton.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Thomas Ryan, Oscar Terrace, Kickham Street. †Marian Walsh, née O'Dowd, Church Rd., Templemore, formerly Athnid. †Gerard Dunne, Gortataggart, Brittas Road. †Catherine (Kitty) Dunne, née Bowe, Ballyerk, Moyne. †Seamie (James) Sexton, Bruree, Limerick. †Christine Scallan, née Roche-Kelly and her husband Joseph Scallan, Ballinacurra, Limerick. †Sean Cahill, Perth, formerly Ballycurrane Road.

May They All Rest in Peace.