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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.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Weekdays: 11.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.; **Sundays:** 1.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

ADVENT THOUGHT: *Like many of our homeless, the Holy Family found themselves dependent upon the charity of others. As we prepare for Christmas, may we prepare our homes and our hearts, and be attentive. This Advent, may we seek that our hearts be ready for whoever may knock at our door, and ask the Lord to prepare us to be able to welcome them in.*

CHRISTMAS 2018:

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

BLESSING OF CATHEDRAL OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE: After 7.30 p.m. Mass this Saturday, December 22nd.

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

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.

PALLOTTINE COLLEGE CHAPEL MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve – 8.00 p.m.; Christmas Day – 10.00 a.m.

DAILY MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS: Please note: Bóthar na Naomh 10.00 a.m.; Cathedral 11.00 a.m. only (No 8.00 a.m. Mass) until Monday January 7th 2019 when 8.00 a.m. Mass recommences.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Usual times throughout Christmas except on Christmas Day.

DEVOTIONS: No Devotions in the Cathedral next Sunday December 30th.

HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY MASS: The next Holy Family Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday January 8th, 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS AFTER CHRISTMAS: No Confessions SATURDAY DEC. 29th & JAN. 5th. Saturday Confessions recommence in the Cathedral on Saturday January 12th.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Target: €146,433.00. Amount collected in Christmas Clergy Collection: €18,780.00. Amount received for 2018 Clergy Collections: €149,301.00. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection and all collections throughout the year. As we have a surplus in the Clergy Collection due to your generosity it will go forward to meet 2019 Clergy Collection Target.

PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS DRAW: €1,835.00 was raised for the Cathedral Reroofing Project. A big thank you to all who so generously supported this venture.

THE ROTARY CHRISTMAS TREE RIBBONS FOR HOSPICE continues outside Boots, Thurles Shopping Centre. The Outdoor Tree and ribbons, in the Cathedral yard will be blessed after 7.30 mass this Saturday. Thanks for the great support for the project.

PARISH OFFICE: Open Christmas Eve 10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Re-opens after Christmas Monday December 31st (usual times).

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.

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.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY FOR FAITH & LIFE: Dublin 1st Jan. 2019.

BUS from Cathedral St. @ 8.30 a.m. Tel: Sheila 086 4081792/ Jim 086 1763743.

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.

THURLES MEN'S SHED: Thanks to the local business community for supporting our Annual Christmas Gathering.

CEILI & SET CLUB: First Ceili for 2019 on Sunday Jan. 6th, Band Hall @ 8.00 p.m.

DURLAS ÓG: Progressive 25 Card Game in Thurles Sarsfields Centre Wednesday January 9th @ 8.30 p.m. €1,000.00 Prize Money. Tea and Raffle on the night. Thank you for your support.

ECO-TIP: Most wrapping paper is not recyclable. This year please use nice brown paper to wrap your presents. It can be decorated with a bow or green foliage.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Rian James Coman, Ballygemane. *Fiadh Autumn Shanahan, Clohane, Holycross. *Harper Alice Farrell, Perth, Australia.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Sean Noone, McDonagh Terrace, Mitchel Street. †Breda O'Dwyer, Dovea. †Catherine (Kitty) Cagney, Leixlip, formerly Incho'Rourke, Urlingford & Thurles. †John Tonus, Toronto, Canada.

May They All Rest in Peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Dec. 15th & 16th 2018:

Cathedral: €2,668.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,905.00.

'As you gaze into the crib...may you become aware that there are no doors...there is an open invitation to come inside...to come close...

May you allow Christ Jesus to touch your heart... and lead you inside into his own vision... and from within, may you be able to look out and see the reality as He sees it'.....

We invite you to visit our cribs in Bóthar na Naomh and the Cathedral during the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING:

The blessing of Peace,

The beauty of hope,

The spirit of love,

The comfort of faith,

May these be your gifts this Christmas.

James, Joe & Vincent.

