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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.

DEVOTIONS: No Devotions in the Cathedral this Sunday Dec. 30th & Sunday Jan. 6th.

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

DAILY MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS: 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.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF THE ASSUMPTION: Please note there will be no weekday Masses next week. Masses recommence Monday 7th Jan. 2019. Masses as usual on Sundays.

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 JAN. 5th. Confessions recommence in the Cathedral on Saturday January 12th.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: Sunday January 6th – Usual Sunday Mass times.

THURLES ROTARY thank all who supported the Hospice/Suir Haven Remembrance Tree at the table in the Shopping Centre. The red Bows were hung on the tree outside the Cathedral and the cards will be brought to the altar and blessed during 7.30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Feast of the Epiphany), next Saturday, January 5th.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, January 4th. **Mass Times:** Cathedral 11.00 a.m.; Bóthar na Naomh Masses: 10.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers at 6.15 p.m.). **If your priest has visited you already during the Christmas Season the usual Communion Calls will then resume in February.**

CAROL SERVICE: Wonderful performance from all our Parish Choirs, Dwan Theatre School and Thurles Drama Group – congratulations. Heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the upkeep of the Cathedral at our Carol Service - €1,395.00 received.

2019 CHRISTMAS PACKAGE: If you have not received your Calendar & Church Collection Envelopes – these are available at back of both churches this weekend.

PALLOTTINE FATHERS: Church Gate Collection Saturday January 5th & Sunday January 6th. Please support.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Memory Café will take place on Wednesday January 2nd, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in Bookworm. Our theme for this cafe will be self-care for people with dementia and their carers. People with any type of memory concern, and their families, friends and carers, are welcome, to this enjoyable social experience. The cafe is led by local dementia champions who have a background in caring for people with dementia. No membership fee, other than the cost of refreshments purchased at the café.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Dec. 22nd & 23rd 2018:
Cathedral: €2,390.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,149.00.

A WORD OF THANKS

As 2018 draws to a close we reflect with great joy and gratitude on the involvement of so many parishioners in the vigour and wellbeing of our parish. We give thanks for the witness you provide to our Christian Faith through your participation in the different groups: our Parish Pastoral Council incorporating all the existing ministry groups, Sacristans, Secretarial Staff, Eucharistic Ministers and their drivers to the sick, Choirs, Folk Group, Organists and Musicians, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Adorers, Readers, People & Priests Group, Eco-Spirituality Group, Bóthar na Naomh Funeral Hospitality Group, Altar Societies, Flower Clubs, Jesse Tree Decorators, Crib Builders and those who organised the Carol Service. We appreciate all who help with Sodalities and Confraternities, the selling of Catholic papers and those who help in the cleaning of the Churches. We are very grateful to all who contribute to our Collections including to our Parish Development Plan. We value the time given by our Finance Committee, Collectors and Counters. In particular this year we express a special word of thanks to the **Envelope Distributors**, including those who kindly responded to our appeal for assistance in completing this important task. Finally, conscious of the many families that have been bereaved in the past year, we renew our sympathy to you and remember you particularly in our prayers during this time.

CLUB FOR DANCING: New Year's Eve, Monday Dec. 31st, 9.00 p.m. – 12.15 a.m. Tickets: €10. Music by "Checkers".

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us for an evening of Music, Song, Story, and Dance on Tuesday Jan. 1st from 8.00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wednesday January 2nd @ 8.30p.m. €3000.00 prize money!

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. Thanks for your support.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts

And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

We extend every blessing to you, our parishioners, and your loved ones during this Christmas season and throughout 2019.

James, Joe and Vincent.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Patricia (Pat) Herlihy, formerly Slievenamon Meadows & Millstreet, Co. Cork. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral at 12 noon followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Kathleen Flynn, Lisduff, Rahealty. †Anne Greene, Athlone.

May They All Rest in Peace.