

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

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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.

SUNDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church at 7.00 p.m. We invite you to join us in prayer and reflection as we remind ourselves of the final three days and seven last words of Jesus' life on earth..... "Into the quiet God calls you.....".

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

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, April 5th. Usual Communion Calls. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers @ 6.15p.m.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASS: Saturday April 6th, 7.30p.m., Cathedral. We invite all children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to this Mass.

EASTER RAFFLE: Prizes on view and tickets on sale in the Parish Centre. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing project. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5.)

CENTENIAL STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Blessed by Pope Francis will be in the Cathedral on **Sunday April 7th for 10.30 a.m.** Mass. Talk on Fatima Message. Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place at our Lady's Altar after the Mass.

SILVERMINES FOLK CHOIR: Will sing at 7.30 p.m. Mass, **Cathedral, April 13th.**

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. April 1st, 4.30 p.m.: Liturgy Meeting.
Tues. April 2nd, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;
Tues. April 2nd, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.
Wed. April 3rd, 7.30 p.m.: Listening Process Meeting.

MIC THURLES STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY: St. Patrick's Campus Thurles, April 6th. Find out more at www.micopenday.ie

TIPPERARY MEN'S SHEDS SHOWCASE EVENT 2019: Premier Hall from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. next **Wednesday April 3rd.** All very welcome.

SUIR HAVEN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday April 2nd, 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon in Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre. All welcome.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Memory Cafe Wed. April 3rd from 11 am - 12.30 pm. Presentation from Rosemarie Mason, a HANDLE practitioner. All welcome.

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom this Sunday, March 31st, 8.30p.m. – 11.30p.m. Music by "Catriona". Admission €9.00.

SUMMER TIME: Remember 'Spring Forward' your clock one hour this Saturday p.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 23rd & 24th 2019:
Cathedral: €2,506.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,037.00.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018

	2018 €	2017 €	Variation %
Income			
Offertory collection	246,818	244,736	0.9%
Shrines/candles	57,437	56,870	1.0%
Charity tax refund	50,475	38,758	30.2%
Parish Centre	12,057	14,086	-14.4%
Other income (including donations etc.)	20,952	11,024	90.1%
	<u>387,739</u>	<u>365,474</u>	6.1%
Expenditure			
Salaries	109,265	106,091	3.0%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	50,292	36,990	36.0%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	51,196	48,912	4.7%
Heating, lighting, phone, postage & stationery	60,925	56,232	8.3%
Parish insurance	19,805	19,806	0.0%
Other expenses	54,740	41,675	31.3%
Common fund shortfall (collected €158,562)	0	0	
Other collections shortfall (collected €52,090)	28,405	24,623	15.4%
	<u>374,627</u>	<u>334,328</u>	12.1%
Net Income / (Expenditure) for year	<u>€13,112</u>	<u>€31,146</u>	

The Parish is showing net income of €13,112 for 2018 compared with net income of €31,146 for 2017 with gross income up 6.1% to €387,739 (2017 €365,474).

The increase in the charity tax refund is mainly due to late receipt of part of the refund claimable in 2017. The increase in other income mainly reflects a surplus of €6,362 from James Kilbane fundraising concert.

The net spend on maintenance, repairs and decoration of €51,196 is marginally up on 2017 figure of €48,912.

The collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly to the Common Fund. Our Parish reached its target of €146,433 for 2018 (2017 target was €154,140) reflecting the continued generous support of Parishioners. 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 €28,405 (2017 €24,623). 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.

*Very Rev. James Purcell, (Cathedral Rep.) Rev. Vincent Stapleton, (Bóthar na Naomh Rep.)
12th March 2019. Accountants: Patrick C. Horan & Co.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Sr. Mairead Hourigan, Ursuline Convent, Thurles formerly Lattin, Tipperary. †Thomas Coffey, Monivea, Athenry, Co. Galway. †Patrick (Pat) Hynes, Marlstone Manor, formerly Church View House, Templemore.

May They All Rest in Peace.