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WEBSITE: www.thurlesparish.ie email: parishcentre@thurlesparish.ie WEKEND 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. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

Weekdays: 11.30 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.; **Sundays:** 1.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

ADVENT: Walking in the presence of God...

'We welcome you, small child of Bethlehem, whose coming we await with quiet attention. Shield us from the shouts, the screams, the empty promises of the season, and encourage us to turn our hopes to your coming.'

'RAISE THE ROOF' - CATHEDRAL REROOFING PROJECT:

CATHEDRAL CHOIR GALA CONCERT: Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Orchestra – **this Sunday December 1**st, **Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of seasonal music and song. Donation envelopes available on the night. Proceeds in aid of the Cathedral Reroofing Project. **PLEASE NOTE: No Sunday evening DEVOTIONS.**

ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION: The meeting to arrange delivery of the Collection **Envelopes will take place in the parish centre this Mon. Dec. 2nd @ 7.00 p.m.** We are so grateful to all existing Collection Envelope Distributors. We need **new additional volunteers** to distribute the packs of "collection envelopes" to the homes in the parish during early December. These collections, phased throughout the calendar year, are a vital resource for many aspects of our pastoral reality. Do let us know if you are available to help with this essential service.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, December 6th. 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.)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets on sale in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Variety of Prizes! (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5). Draw will take place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, December 17**th after 11.00 a.m. Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASS:

Mass of Joy with First Communion Children and families and Young People for Confirmation and families on Saturday Dec. 14th @ 7.30 p.m. – Cathedral Vigil Mass.

DIOCESAN NEEDS APPEAL SPECIAL COLLECTION: Your contribution to this Collection goes towards supporting administrative costs of the **Diocesan Services** and costs incurred by the Archdiocese at national level. **Target:** €46,242.00. Amount received last weekend: €4,228.00. Total collected to date: €13,433.00. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW BOILER APPEAL: The new boiler and its installation are costing approximately $\mathfrak{C}55,000$. Through your generosity $\mathfrak{C}1,710.00$ was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to $\mathfrak{C}34,599.10$. *Míle Buíochas!*

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT WITH VOCALIZE & GUESTS: St Patrick's College Chapel, Saturday Dec. 7th @ 8pm in aid of Suir Haven. Tickets €10 from Bookworm & the College Office.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Mon. Dec. 2nd, 7.00 p.m.: Envelope Distribution. Tues. Dec. 3rd, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;

Tues. Dec. 3rd, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

Seinn: Thursday, 5th December @ 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Come and enjoy the joyful liturgical singing of our young people from secondary schools of our diocese (including Thurles). Admission free and donations to Cashel & Emly Youth Ministry are welcome.

SUGGESTIONS TO ARRANGE A NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Sincere thanks to all of you who took the time to share your opinion regarding the possible changes to our Mass Schedule. These will be reviewed in due course and an update will follow as soon as possible.

ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS VIGIL OF REPARATION: Friday December 6th in Loughmore Church commencing after First Friday Mass & concluding with First Saturday Mass @ 12.05a.m. All are welcome.

GOLDEN JUBILEE - ARCHDIOCESE OF CASHEL & EMLY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: June $13^{th} - 18^{th}$ 2020. Application Forms available in the Parish Centre soon.

THURLES SPECIAL NEEDS will launch the Ability Swing in Thurles Town Park @3.00 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 8th. All are welcome. Wheelchair users come along and enjoy a swing on the day. **SUIR HAVEN:** Monthly Bereavement Meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 11.00 a.m. These meetings aim to provide support for people who are bereaved and finding it difficult to cope with the loss of a loved one and offer empathy, compassion, and friendship.

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE: In aid of Ursuline Missions Friday December 6th **10.00 a.m.** – **12 noon** in St. Angela's Academy (opposite The Source). Please support.

SCOIL AILBHE COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE: Friday, December 6th, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Monster raffle with superb prizes. All are welcome to this festive event.

THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Ceili Sunday December 1st @ 8.00 p.m., Band Hall.

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. Dec. 4th @ 8.30p.m. €3000.00 prize money!

DANCE PREMIER BALLROOM: Sunday December 1st 8.30p.m. – 11.30p.m. Music by "Pat Daly". Admission €9.00. Tea @ 10.00p.m.

MO CHARA CAKE SALE: Cathedral Street this Sunday, December 1st after 10.30am and 12 noon Masses.

I.C.A. MEETING: Wednesday December 4th 8.00p.m. @ Band Hall. All welcome.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING: Wed. Dec. 4th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

TIPPERARY AGE FRIENDLY EXPO 2019: Thurs. December 5^{th} , from 11.00 a.m - 3.00 p.m. in Sarsfield GAA Centre, Thurles Townsparks. Refreshments and Light Lunch served. Social dancing from 2.00 p.m.! This is an opportunity to seek advice on your entitlements and an overview of Tipperary Age Friendly, local events. Further info: Fiona @ 0761 06 6223

FULL TIME & PART TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS: Coláiste Éile now enrolling for full time & part time courses commencing in January. Study areas include: Internet Skills, ECDL., Horticulture and others. **There are no costs to medical card holders or social protection recipients.** Further info from Bernie @ 0504 21166 between 10.00 am & 12.30 pm Mon − Thurs. **FR RAY KELLY IN CONCERT:** St Joseph's Church Moneygall, December 1st. Doors are open from 6.00 p.m. and concert commences at 7.00 p.m. with unreserved seating. Tickets: €20.

'FROM LANDLORDS TO GENETICS' - Story of the Trant Estate, Dovea, edited by George Cunningham. For sale at DIY Centenary Stores and Bookworm, Thurles for €25.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 23rd & 24th 2019: Cathedral: €2.485.00: Bóthar na Naomh: €2.051.00.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Wayne Moylan, College Green. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church 11.30 a.m. followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Robert (Bobby) Farrell, Derheen. †Madeleine McCoole, Rosemount. †Eugene Egan, Innisfallen Avenue. †Bridget (Biddie) Taylor, 3 Kennedy Park. †Brian Kilbride, Urlingford, formerly Clongour. †Elizabeth (Betty) O'Dwyer, née Ryan, Glenbane, Holycross. †Dan O'Connell, Glengoole South. †Colin Bergin, Dundrum Road, Tipperary Town formerly Attykit, Cashel. †Margaret Gallagher née Rossiter, Wexford. †Martin Lavin, Swinford, Co. Mayo.

May They All Rest in Peace.