

**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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

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

ADVENT THOUGHT:

Lord, may we learn to make time for prayer and discover just how close you are to us. In our preparation for Christmas remind us about what is important. In our searching for you may we look for you in places where we might not expect to find you. Amen.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Cathedral this Sunday at 7.00 p.m. We gather at Our Lady's Altar.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on Monday December 9th (*transferred from Sunday December 8th*). **MASS TIMES:** Usual Daily Masses with evening Mass in the Cathedral on Monday at 7.30 p.m.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus of their family crib for a blessing to Mass Saturday next, Dec. 14th, Cathedral @ 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS 2019:

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday Dec. 22nd, 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.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

EVENING OF FORGIVENESS: Take time to "Come and make your Peace" in the Cathedral, Thursday December 19th, 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday December 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 – Family Mass: 6.30 p.m. Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR GALA CONCERT: Congratulations to the Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Orchestra and all involved in the beautiful performance of seasonal music and song in the Cathedral last Sunday evening.

DECEMBER 2019: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Letter to Parishioners and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2020 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 5th 2020. **A very big THANK YOU to all the distributors, new and existing, for undertaking this task.**

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 17th after 11.00 a.m. Mass.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Thurles, this Sunday December 8th @ 8.00p.m. All are welcome.

POLISH MASS: Next Sunday, December 15th at 11.00 a.m., Presentation Convent. Confessions before Mass.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Dec. 10th, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir;
Thurs. Dec. 12th, 7.30 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASS -FAMILY MASS

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

PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT: Sunday March 8th 2020 in SS Joseph & Brigid Church, Bóthar na Naomh as part of his Gospel Choir Tour. Tickets now available in the Parish Office, Cathedral Street & Bookworm, Liberty Square - an ideal Christmas gift! Ticket Donation: €25. Proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project.

NEW BOILER APPEAL: The new boiler and its installation are costing approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€480.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€35,079.10. Mile Buíochas!**

TIPP BRANCH OF PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP: Annual Christmas Carols in Community Hospital of the Assumption at 5.30 p.m. Thursday December 19th. All are welcome.
FRIENDS OF NANO NAGLE (PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES): Next meeting Monday December 9th, Presentation Convent, 7.00p.m.

LITTLETON HOLY FACE PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to a Mass honouring the Holy Face of Jesus, next Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in St Kevin's Church Littleton.

ADVENT TALKS: Glenstal Abbey Sunday 8th & 15th December @ 4.30 p.m., Monastery Library.

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.

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS COFFEE MORNING: Gerard O'Brien invites everyone to The Schoolhouse, Slievenamon Road for a Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of **Phoenix Productions**, Saturday December 14th from 10.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY: Next Memory Cafe on Wednesday December 11th, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., Bookworm. This month we will have a Christmas party with a raffle. Music by Tom Doran. Hopefully some of our regular supporters will come also. Everyone most welcome to attend.

ANAM CARA TIPPERARY: Parent Evening Monday December 16th at 7.20 p.m., in the Horse & Jockey Hotel. Free event and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, & the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For further information contact: 085 2888888.

THURLES LIBRARY: CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS: Wed. Dec. 11th at 11.15 a.m. Make your own Christmas centrepiece for your dinner table! Some materials provided. Bookings on 0761-06-6131. **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:** Wed. Dec. 18th at 11.15 a.m. Come along for a cuppa, mince pie and some wonderful festive entertainment with Little Flower National School Choir and The Lámh Choir from Scoil Aonghusa. Both events are free.

BINGO: Premier Hall Wednesday Dec. 11th @ 8.30p.m. Great nights entertainment!
THURLES CEILI & SET CLUB: Sunday, Dec. 8th, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall.

TWO MILE BORRIS NS PRESENTS: In Tune for Life Orchestra Thursday December 19th in The Dome @ 7.30 p.m. Tickets €20. Contact Anne 096 0269448 / Karen 087 6455677 / 0504 44466. Tickets on sale in Tully's GALA, Corcorans Shop, Bannons Lounge TMB and MACE-Loughnafulla, Bookworm, Boyles & Mall Curios.

STAND UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH – COMEDY NIGHT: In aid of Pieta House, Thursday Dec. 19th, Templemore Arms. Tickets from Bookworm, Templemore Arms or Eventbrite.com
FOUND: Sum of money in the Cathedral last Sunday, Dec. 1st. Contact Parish Office for details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st:

Cathedral: €2,915.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,570.00:

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Patrick Wade, Kilburn, London, formerly Kennedy Park. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Bóthar na Naomh Church 11.30 a.m. followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Mary Ryan, née Moloney, Slí na Siúire, Mitchel Street. †John J. Hassett, Croke St., formerly Ballytarsna & Old Road, Cashel. †Anna Maher, Kilrush. †Eileen Doyle, née Carey, Ballyduff House, Ballyduff. †Stephen Troy, Kylemakill, Moyne. †Mary O'Brien, Clonmel. †Carmel Wilmot, née O'Dwyer, Rathkeale.

May They All Rest in Peace.