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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:**

*Lord, in the person of Mary you teach us how to be open to your Holy Spirit. Lord, in the person of Mary you teach us how to place our trust in you. Lord, in the person of Mary you teach us how to give thanks. Lord, in the person of Mary you teach us how to be faithful to your son.*

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

**CHRISTMAS 2019:**

**CAROL SERVICE:** Cathedral Sunday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. All are welcome.

**CONFESSIONS:** Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This collection is for the support of priests, active and retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last Clergy Collection for 2019 and we would like to say a very big thanks to all who contributed so generously to our collections during the year. Target: **€146,433.00**. Amount received to date: **€131,716.83**

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. If you do not receive a package please contact the Parish Office.

**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 next **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** after 11.00 a.m. Mass.

**ROTARY CLUB MEMORIAL TREE:** Annual Memorial Tree Fund Raiser in the Shopping Centre, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> in aid of Suir Haven/Nth Tipperary Hospice. Loved ones' names can be remembered on the cards which will be associated with the red ribbons on the Christmas Tree outside the Cathedral. Ribbons will be blessed after 7.30 p.m. Mass on Sat. December 21<sup>st</sup> and the cards will be blessed during 7.30 p.m. Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**LADY'S WELL SHRINE OF OUR LADY:** Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - Angelus and Rosary.

**TIPP BRANCH OF PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP:** Annual Christmas Carols in Community Hospital of the Assumption at 5.30 p.m. Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**BI-MONTHLY CATHEDRAL CLEANING:** Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are free to give a hand, please come along and help after 7.30 p.m. Mass.

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:**

Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 p.m.:

Parish Youth Choir;

Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 8.30 p.m.:

Parents Baptism Preparation Meeting.

**CANDLELIGHT MASS:** Sat. December 21<sup>st</sup>, Our Lady Queen Church, New Inn - Choral Prelude by New Inn Voices at 7.00 p.m., followed by Candlelight Mass (please bring battery candles.)

**PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020** in SS Joseph & Bridgid 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 **€765.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€35,844.10**. **Mile Buíochas!**

**ADVENT TALKS:** Glenstal Abbey Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.30 p.m., Monastery Library.

**YOUTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:** Dec. 27 – 30<sup>th</sup>, Clongowes Wood College, Kildare. Inviting all young people (16 – 35). Info @ 0857340862 or visit [www.afcmteamire.and.org](http://www.afcmteamire.and.org).

**FILM - LOVE AND MERCY.** Due to public demand this film is back in IMC Thurles at 8.30 p.m. Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**THE MONKS CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MONKS GOLF SOCIETY:** Will be Carol Singing in Thurles in the lead up to Christmas in Aid of Local Charities. We would gratefully appreciate your support at this time of great need.

**ANAM CARA TIPPERARY:** Parent Evening Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS DANCE:** Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, Premier Ballroom, 8.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. Tea & Spots. Admission: €9. Music: 'Moynihan Brothers'.

**THURLES LIBRARY CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:** Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 a.m. Festive entertainment with Little Flower National School Choir & The Lámh Choir from Scoil Aonghusa.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Join us for the celebration of the Winter Solstice on Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. when we mark the rebirth of the Sun. All are welcome.

**'THE CASTLES, TOWER, & FORTIFIED HOUSES OF LIMERICK, 1199-1703':** Talk by Joseph Lennon in The Source at 7.30 p.m., December 17<sup>th</sup>. For information contact 0761066123.

**BINGO:** Premier Hall Wednesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30p.m. Hamper Prizes on the night!

**ST MARY'S KNITTING GROUP CRAFT SALE & RAFFLE THANKS:** €1,195.00 fund-raised in Barry's Super Value Friar St. Proceeds to Golden Years Day Care Centre Thurles.

**TWO MILE BORRIS NS PRESENTS:** In Tune for Life Orchestra Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, The Dome @ 7.30 p.m. Tickets €20. Contact Anne @086 0269448 or 0504 44466.

**STAND UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH – COMEDY NIGHT:** In aid of Pieta House, Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Templemore Arms. Tickets from Bookworm, Templemore Arms or Eventbrite.com

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**Cathedral: €2,322.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,387.00:**

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Mikey Jay Ryan, Bohernanave.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rev. Fr. Edmond (Ned) O'Brien, Pallottine Fathers, Thurles formerly Dundrum, Dublin & Middleton, Co.Cork. Reposing Pallottine College, Sunday 4.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Requiem Mass Pallottine Chapel Monday 12 noon. Burial in Pallottine Community Cemetery, Cabra. †Jim Witherow, Kyle, Rathmanna. †Bozena Wysocka, Kickham Street. †Margaret (Teasy) Bourke, née Shanahan, Castle Avenue, formerly Rathmanna & Borrisoleigh. †Liam Dineen, Ballycurrane, formerly Ballylanders, Co. Limerick. †Nora Mae Hayden, née Campion, Cooleeney, Moyne. †Tom McCormack, Lisheen, Upper Greenane, Tipperary. †John Landers, Listowel, Co. Kerry.

*May They All Rest in Peace.*