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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.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, March 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 @ 6.15 p.m.)

LENT 2020:

SUNDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Bóthar na Naomh Church at 7.00 p.m.
MASS TIMES FOR LENT: Usual Weekend & Daily Mass Times.

LENTEN COMMUNION REFLECTIONS: Available at the back of both Churches during Lent.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES: *We welcome Jason Rice and Colm Hogan from Trócaire who will speak at all Masses this weekend.*

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING: You are welcome to a guided reflection on the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent commencing **Monday next, March 2nd in Lámh Chúnta**, Bóthar na Naomh at **7.30 p.m.** and continuing for the following four Monday evenings. This is an opportunity to meet God in the scriptures in accord with the themes of **Hearing** (*in listening to God's Word*), **Happening** (*see how it touches our lives*) **Hoping** (*and inspires our faith*). All are welcome.

GLENSTAL ABBEY: Talks every Sunday of Lent at 4.30 p.m. This year's series focuses on the Sunday Gospel Readings. Information on website @ www.glenstal.com.

NEW BOILER APPEAL: The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€770.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€52,619.10**. *Mile Buíochas!*

CARE OF THE SICK: If you have a family member ill at home or in hospital and would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office at the above numbers.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS: If at all possible, please book Mass Intentions well in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION (formerly Diocesan Needs Appeal) – This Weekend, March 1st: Administering the Archdiocese is the responsibility of the Archbishop and his staff working from the Diocesan Office. They are charged with the legal, financial and pastoral care of the Archdiocese, its priests, people, property and assets. Because of the new legal responsibilities, the workload has grown considerably, and staff levels have increased. General secretarial administration personnel, a full-time Accountant and secretarial assistance, Child Safeguarding Director and vetting personnel, and the equipment they use, comprise part of the cost of administering the Archdiocese. **Your contribution to the Diocesan Services goes towards supporting the above new and necessary pastoral resources for our Diocese.** Target for this year is **€46,242.00**. We appreciate your generosity.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ASSEMBLY: St. Patrick's College, Saturday March 7th, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Fr. Pat Collins. If you are interested in knowing more about Eucharistic Adoration, please come along. All are very welcome.

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. Mar. 4th @ 8.30p.m. €3,000.00 Prize Money!

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. March 3rd, 4.00 p.m.: Parish Youth Choir.
Tues. March 3rd, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Preparation Meeting.

PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT TOUR: Come and enjoy an Evening with Patrick Feeney who concludes his Gospel Concert Tour on next **Sunday March 8th in Church of St Joseph & St Brigid, Bóthar na Naomh @ 8.00 p.m.** Hear some of the great favourites... Hallelujah, Wind In the Willows, Bring Him Home, The Holy City (Jerusalem) and How Great Thou Art....to name but a few. Proceeds towards Cathedral Reroofing Appeal. Tickets €25 available from Parish Centre and Bookworm.

DIOCESAN LISTENING PROCESS has progressed onto the formulation of the key elements of a pastoral plan for the parishes of our diocese. The next Gathering for Thurles and surrounding parishes will take place on **Wednesday, 4th March 2020 @ 7.30p.m. in The Templemore Arms Hotel.**

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: Join us for Mindful Relaxation on Friday, March 6th in Friends of Nano Office, Westgate, from 11.00 a.m. – 12 noon. Contact Anne at 086 7514364 for further details.

MUSICAL SOCIETY TO SUPPORT CATHEDRAL RE-ROOFING: Thurles Musical Society's opening night of the hit show *'Made in Dagenham'* on **Tuesday March 31st** will be in aid of the **Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets for the Opening Night will be available at the Parish Centre from Monday March 9th.** All tickets for opening night are €20. The show runs until Saturday April 4th and booking for all nights is now online at gr8events.ie We would greatly appreciate your support on the night.

SUIR HAVEN MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MEETING: Tues. Marc 3rd, 11 am. These meetings offer 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 in a confidential environment.

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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Wednesday March 4th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Group.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Invites you to join its new **Singing Group** designed for people affected by Dementia, as well as their caregivers and loved ones/friends with the intention of delivering support in relationships and connections, whilst enjoying the benefits of bringing people together. Beginning **Friday March 6th, 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m., Community Hospital of the Assumption** and continuing Fridays 6, 13, 20 & 27 March; April: Fridays 3 & 24 April; May: Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Information from: 086 8381818.

FUNDRAISER FOR CABRAGH WETLANDS: Afternoon Tea Dance Sunday March 1st, Holycross Community Hall, 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

THURLES FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB: Flower arranging classes will commence Monday March 2nd for six weeks in the Order of Malta Hall. Non-members welcome. For more details phone 087 9384408 or 0504 23394.

MO CHARA CAKE SALE: Cathedral Street, this Sunday March 1st.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL AND LUC: Drop-in community workshop on Wednesday 4th March 5-7pm (drop-in anytime) at Hayes Hotel. This event is aimed at the Thurles Community and surrounding neighbourhood so that you can have your say on how Thurles town develops as part of a Renewal Strategy. Further information: Julie.hyslop@landuse.co.uk

LET'S MAKE THURLES AN AUTISM FRIENDLY TOWN: Public meeting in the Anner Hotel on Wednesday March 11th at 7.30 p.m. so a committee can be formed to convert Thurles into an Autism friendly town. All are welcome.

THURLES MACRA NA FEIRME ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: 7km Run/Jog/Walk around Leugh in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland - Tipperary Branch, **Sun. March 1st**, Registration 10 a.m. in Leugh Muintir na Tire Hall. Entry: €10. Under 12's are free.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Feb. 22nd & 23rd 2020:

Cathedral: €2,246.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,136.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Julie Marie Butler, Childers Park. *Ben James Ryan, Lisduff.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Bridget Ryan, née Stakelum, Ard na Croise, formerly Ballyroan, Borrisoleigh.

Lenten Thought: I can change my life this Lent.