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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

WEEKEND MASSES: CATHEDRAL: SATURDAY: VIGIL MASS: 7.00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 9.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: SUNDAY: 10.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: CATHEDRAL: MONDAY – SATURDAY: 11.00 a.m.

EVENING MASS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 7.00 p.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 7.00 p.m.

Pallottine College Chapel is open for Mass at 10.00 a.m. each day.

- **CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS:** 8.30 a.m. daily. The Cathedral will remain open until 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on all other days until after 7.00 p.m. mass.
- **BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH OPENING HOURS:** 9.00.am each morning remaining open until 2.00 pm daily (Open for 7.00 p.m. Mass Tuesdays & Thursdays).
- **RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** While restrictions have now been lifted, we recommend the wearing of Face Coverings when visiting the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church. We request the use of hand sanitiser.
- **BAPTISMS** may be booked through the Parish Centre.
- **CONFESSIONS:** Cathedral Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
- **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** Have resumed on a phased basis. Frs. Jim, Joe and Vincent will make contact with you prior to visiting.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Adoration Chapel:** Tuesdays & Thursdays – after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 6.30 p.m.; All other days, including Sundays, after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 6.45 p.m. **Please wear Face Coverings when visiting the Adoration Chapel.**
- **HOLY WATER:** If you need Holy Water please bring your container, filled with water, to the Parish Centre for blessing.

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE please visit www.thurlesparish.ie.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: THURSDAY MARCH 17th – MASS TIMES:

CATHEDRAL: Wednesday 7.00 p.m.; Thursday 11.00 a.m. (11.00 a.m. Mass as Gaeilge)

Bóthar na Naomh: Thursday 10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

FAMILY MASS: Next Saturday, March 19th, 7.00 p.m., Cathedral. Theme: **Growing The Future: Sowing seeds of a better tomorrow for our children.** Art work distributed to the schools during the week may be returned to the box provided in the Cathedral before 4.00 p.m., Saturday March 19th.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets now available in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Variety of great prizes. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD– FRIDAY MARCH 25th: Two Hour Vigil in the Cathedral, commencing with the Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass 7.00 p.m. followed by Holy Hour, concluding at 8.30 p.m. Led by Fr. Conor Hayes. All welcome.

DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. Fr. Jim, Joe and Vincent appreciate your continued generosity.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Join us for the Mondays of Lent to pray for our children and the children of the world followed by tea and chat on all thing's motherhood. Mondays 7. 30 p.m. in Thurles Parish Centre. All mums welcome. No booking required. Enquiries @ 0860847172.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 2; 7; 14; 25.

The Jackpot was not won this week

Cash Prize of €50 to weekly lucky winner – Breda Audley, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 17th – Jackpot €2,875.00.

A sincere thank you to those who have joined and continue to support our "Raise the Roof" weekly lotto. At the end of February, a total of **498** people had joined this fundraising initiative, the sole purpose of which is to raise the capital needed to reroof the Cathedral of the Assumption. With 498 members a total of over €67,000 will be raised in a twelve-month period – **this is a great help to our on-going fundraising, but we still need an increase in membership!** If you are not already a member, we encourage you to please join the lotto as we seek to raise the very significant sum required to undertake this essential work. Please also encourage family and friends to join. The roof for the Cathedral was estimated at €1.5 million but with substantial increases in materials, inflation, etc., our target will be considerably greater so there is a very significant challenge facing us all. The lotto is available on-line only. To join visit www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the "Join Lotto" button.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions – **€2,936.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: Following a record number of calls for help in 2021 the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has launched a national campaign seeking volunteers. **The Mid-West region is also reaching out to people locally to encourage people to come forward and join SVP.** Recruitment campaign theme is "**You know who you are - But we don't!**" To apply to become an SVP volunteer: Visit: www.svp.ie/volunteer or call 01 884 8246.

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE 4 NIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: April 4th, 2022. €570.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer ,4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement €75.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

THURLES I.C.A.: Meeting next Wednesday, March 16th, Order of Malta Rooms at 11.00 a.m.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Michael McGrath, Pallashill, Drombane. †Kathleen Murphy, née Butler, Pallashill, Drombane & Ardeen Nursing Home, Thurles. †Denis (Dinny) Ryan, Kileenyarda, Holycross. †Mary Feeney Cooke, Lochhanbeg, Inverin, Co. Galway.

May They Rest In Peace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: Weekend March 26th/27 – Envelopes available at back of both Churches. People of the Ukraine are suffering and are in great need of our support.

UKRAINE APPEAL:

Currently, there is a Ukraine Fund open for donations on Trócaire's webpage. The Irish Emergency Alliance (IEA), of which Trócaire is a member along with 6 other Irish NGOs, are launching an appeal for Ukraine. Trócaire is providing full support for that appeal. For the next week, anyone who wants to donate on-line to Ukraine through Trócaire (www.trocaire.org) will be directed to donate via the IEA webpage. Trócaire will work collaboratively with the IEA to promote that appeal to the general public. Please support this appeal for the Ukraine.

Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig do gach uile dhuine!