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Easter Greetings from Thurles Parish Pastoral Council

Easter is a time of hope! After going through the dark and difficult days of Holy Week and Good Friday, when Jesus was left alone and isolated, the breaking open of the tomb and the joy of the resurrection changes everything. Fear and despair are replaced with joy and hope for the future. The disciples thought that all was lost and hid away in fear. All that changed when Jesus came back from the dead and gave them new hope. In that spirit of faith let us look forward to brighter days ahead, when we too will leave the darkness of these difficult times behind us and embrace each other in love once more.

We, the Thurles Parish Pastoral Council hope this Easter you will experience the mercy, compassion an inner peace that the Risen Lord promises.

'The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.' (Cardinal Basil Hume)

Easter Week (April 18th – 22nd) Mass Times:

Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. Mass Monday – Friday. **Please note there will be no 7.00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral next Monday, Wednesday & Friday.**

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Masses as usual – Tuesday & Thursday 7.00 p.m.

NEW MASS TIMES:

The new mass times will be introduced next weekend, April 23/24.

These have been influenced by the survey conducted in 2019 and by the impact of the Covid pandemic and what we learned as a result.

THURLES PARISH NEW MASS TIMES (commencing April 23/24th):

Weekend Masses:

Cathedral:

Saturday Vigil 7.00 p.m., Sunday 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

Bóthar na Naomh Church:

Sunday 10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Monday - Friday: 11.00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7.00 p.m.

Bóthar na Naomh: Tuesday & Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Saturday: 10.00 a.m.

(replacing 11.00 a.m. Mass in Cathedral)

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

BOTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE: Friday June 10th, commencing with Mass at 7.00 p.m.

EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION: Takes place this weekend, **April 16th/17th (17-Apr-22)**. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests are paid. Jim, Joe and Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of all the Priests of the Archdiocese. During these difficult times we understand if you cannot contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 24th: The nine day novena is taking place at 3.00 p.m. each day in Bóthar na Naomh Church (live-streamed also) leading up to **Sunday April 24th - Divine Mercy Devotions in the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m.; Chaplet at 3.00 p.m. followed by Mass. Confessions available from 2.30 p.m.**

TROCAIRE BOXES: May be returned to the Sacristies or Parish Centre in the weeks ahead.

EASTER RAFFLE: Sincere thanks to all who so generously supported our Easter Raffle. **€2,005.00** was raised for the Cathedral Reroofing project.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed Monday & Tuesday, April 18th/19th. Re-opens Wednesday, April 20th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection -**€13,665** collected to date from Thurles Parishioners!

ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at grottos around Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE

Lotto Results in next weekend's newsletter. Next Draw: April 21st

A sincere thank you to those who have joined and continue to support our "Raise the Roof" weekly lotto. 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. 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 lotto is available on-line only. To join visit www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the "Join Lotto" button. If you need assistance in joining the Lotto please contact the Parish Office and Louise or Marie will do their best to help you. **Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions - **€2,555.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

NENAGH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE 2022 : Joe Walsh, Tours Representative: Philip Ryan. Date, 31st August to 6th of September (7 nights). Departing from Dublin Arriving in Dubrovnik. All are welcome. Accompanied by a Spiritual Director. The price is €749. For more details contact Elaine & Seán 067 32178

MEN'S SHED: Now open every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. New members welcome.

THURLES ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING: Wed. April 20th, 11.00 a.m., Order of Malta Rooms.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Mila Harper Barry, Cluain Airne. *Nell Fischer, Ashgrove, Monadreen. *Anna Rose O'Dwyer, Cabragh Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Tony Haven, Moyne Road. †Joan O'Mahony, née Ryan, Collins Park. †John Mulhall, Holycross. *May They Rest In Peace.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Celtic Brothers (formerly known as The Willoughby Brothers) in Concert on **Friday September 30th 2022, Thurles Cathedral.**