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**THURLES PARISH MASS TIMES:**

**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.

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE visit [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie).

**CHRISTMAS 2022:**

**CAROL SERVICE:** Cathedral Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 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:**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>:** Bóthar na Naomh Church: 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. (Mass @ 7.00 p.m.) Confessions continue after Mass until 8.00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Cathedral: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH:** Christmas Eve – 5.30 p.m. Christmas Day: 8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. (Please note: **NO 7.00 p.m. on Christmas Day**).

**CATHEDRAL:** Christmas Eve: 7.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</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.

**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 after 11.00 a.m. Mass on **Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Kindly made by two of our parishioners, Marina & Moireen, available in the Parish Centre. Check out this beautiful collection of handmade cards. Donations only – Proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Fund. Thurles Parish Christmas Cards & Christmas Mass Bouquets available – Mass:; Card: €2.

**‘HALLELUJAH CONCERT’** - Fr Ray Kelly (Britain's Got Talent Fame): Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, Bóthar na Naomh Church. **Tickets Now On Sale In The Parish Office – Ideal Christmas Gift.**

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH GOLDEN JUBILEE BOOK & COMMEMORATIVE C.D.:** The Golden Jubilee Book charts many celebrations, the personalities and the neighbours associated with Bóthar na Naomh. *‘Fatih, Hope & Love’* C.D. features the Bóthar na Naomh Cantors, the Bóthar na Naomh Choir and our three priests. Both on sale in the Parish Office - €10 each. Ideal Christmas gift!!

**DECEMBER 2022:** Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Thurles Cathedral “Raise the Roof” Lotto Brochure and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2022 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. If you do not receive a package please contact the Parish Office.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE**  
**Weekly Lotto Draw Results: 5, 10, 23, 26.** The Jackpot was not won this week.

**Congratulations to the weekly Cash Prize winner of €150:**

**Next Draw: December 15<sup>th</sup> - Lucky Dip will be €150.00 – Jackpot €2,425.00.**

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. Please also encourage family and friends to join. The lotto is available on-line only. To join visit [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) and click on the “Join Lotto” button. **The Weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for four Dec. draws until Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - if you're not in you can't win!! Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

**HELP AVOID THE SPREAD OF COVID:** Due to the rise in Covid numbers we recommend: (a) the wearing of Face Coverings when attending Mass; (b) use of Hand Sanitiser & (c) the reception of Holy Communion on the hands only.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions - €3,146.00 received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**GALA CONCERT:** Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band – Congratulations to the Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Concert Band and all involved in the beautiful performance of seasonal music and song in the Cathedral last Sunday evening.

**THURLES MENS SHED THANKS:** To all the Thurles Shops for the beautiful spot prizes which were donated for their recent Christmas party.

**THURLES LIBRARY STAFF:** Invite you to their Christmas Coffee Morning Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11am. Music & songs will be performed by Gaelscoil Bhrí. Mince pies & treats!

**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:** The annual Candle Light Service will be held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Thurles on Sunday next Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** with New Inn Voices and Guests on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m. in Church of Our Lady Queen, New Inn. Door Collection for Parish Church and New Inn Voices. Please bring battery candles.

**HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL DRAMA GROUP:** Two one act plays, *'When I snap my fingers'* & *'Mary Mary'* in Holycross Community Centre Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>, Sat. - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. incl.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Join us for our celebration of the Winter Solstice Tuesday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Admission free. All are welcome

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** For families or people who need help this Christmas please make a request by ringing St Vincent de Paul phone 061 317327 or email [info.midwest@svp.ie](mailto:info.midwest@svp.ie) – on or before Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. Unfortunately due to shortage of personnel we are unable to assist Santa with toys.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary Commins, née Ryan, Clobanna. †Eddie Hackett, formerly Derheen. †Peter Moloney, Leicestershire, England, formerly Derheen.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness  
that hinders us from feeling  
the joy and hope which His presence will bestow.*