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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.

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 - €3,091.00 received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Thursday December 8th: Mass Times:

Wednesday Dec. 7th: Cathedral 7.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass);

Thursday Dec. 8th - CATHEDRAL: 11.00 a.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH 10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Please note additional morning Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church on Thursday.

PREPARATION MASS with Confirmation Candidates and their families next Saturday next, December 10th, 7.00 p.m. – Cathedral Vigil Mass.

EVENING OF REFLECTION: For all Parish Ministers of the Eucharist, (Bóthar na Naomh Church, Cathedral & Ministers to the Sick), will take place in Bóthar na Naomh Church Monday December 5th at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in Lámh Chunta.

VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thursday, December 8th, Bóthar Na Naomh Church commencing with Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass at 7.00 p.m. and concluding with Adoration from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Jim Purcell.

ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS: The Christmas package containing our Parish Christmas Card, the Parish Calendar and Thurles 'Raise the Roof' Lotto Information Brochure along with the Box of Collection Envelopes will be ready to be collected by the Distributors at the Parish Centre from next Wednesday, December 7th. If you have not helped with this project before and have some free time, we would be delighted to have more volunteers.

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS CARDS: Kindly made by two of our parishioners, Moireen & Marina, available in the Parish Centre. Call in and check out this beautiful variety of handmade cards. Donations only – proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Fund. Thurles Parish Christmas Cards & Christmas Mass Bouquets also available (€2).

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets on sale in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Variety of Prizes. (Tickets: €2 or 3 for €5).

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!!

CATHEDRAL REROOFING PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

Upcoming Events:

GALA CONCERT: Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band – this Sunday December 4th, Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of seasonal music and song! Admission Free. Donation Envelopes for the Cathedral Reroofing Fund available on the night. (Please note the concert will not be live-streamed).

'HALLELUJAH CONCERT' - Fr Ray Kelly (Britain's Got Talent Fame): Friday March 24th 2023, Bóthar na Naomh Church.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE
Weekly Lotto Draw Results: 5, 7, 21, 25. The Jackpot was not won this week.

Congratulations to the weekly Cash Prize winner of €150: Joe Tynan, Thurles.

Next Draw: December 8th - Lucky Dip will be €150.00 – Jackpot €2,250.00.

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 and click on the "Join Lotto" button. The Weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for four Dec. draws until Dec. 22nd - if you're not in you can't win!! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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. 11th, at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT with New Inn Voices and Guests on Saturday December 17th, 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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Christmas Memory Cafe on Wed., December 7th in Bookworm at 11.00 a.m. Come and join us for a morning of music and fun, with singing, laughter and spot prizes. All are invited.

OPEN DAY: Wed. Dec. 7th, Thurles College of Further Education (Coláiste Eile). Information sessions at 10.00 a.m.; 2.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING Wed. Dec. 7th at 11.00am in Order of Malta Rooms.

LOUGHMORE DRAMA GROUP: Readings for our upcoming production of John B Keane's "Moll", Loughmore Community Centre, Mon. 5th & Wed. 7th Dec. at 7.30 p.m.

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

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Lauren Kennedy, Rosemount. *Cole Philip Merrigan, Glenbane Lower, Holycross.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Christopher Kelly, Croke Street, formerly Coolock, Dublin. †Maura Wall, née Nolan, Collins Park formerly Turtulla. †Margaret Courtney, née Ryan, Greenford, London formerly Mullauns, Mill Road. †Eileen Callanan, née Cooksey, Australia, formerly Ardaun.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL: Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend – 3rd/4th December 2022. Collection Envelopes available in Parish Office. Please kindly support those in need.



"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

(Pope Francis)

