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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.

CHRISTMAS 2023:

CAROLS BY CANLE LIGHT SERVICE: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, this Sunday Dec. 10th, 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday Dec. 17th, 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. **Blessing of Archbishop Leahy's newly repaired & refurbished statue will take place at the end of the Carol Service.**

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19th: 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 16th & 17th. This collection is for the support of priests, active and retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last Clergy Collection for 2023 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 22nd**.

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: €11; Card: €2.

DECEMBER 2023: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Thurles Cathedral “Raise the Roof” Lotto Flyer and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2024 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 7th 2024. If you do not receive a package please contact the Parish Office. **Envelope Distributors:** We would greatly appreciate if you could collect your envelopes next week. Thank you!

ADVENT WITH THE WORD OF GOD: Join us in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh on the Mondays of Advent at 7.45 p.m. for prayer with the scriptures in preparation for Christmas (Mon. Dec. 4th, Mon. Dec. 11th & Mon. Dec. 18th).

THURLES CARE FOR CREATION (Previously known as Eco Spirituality Group): Next Meeting, **Thursday Dec. 14th @ 8.00p.m. in the Parish Centre.**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF”
LOTTO INITIATIVE**

Weekly Lotto Draw Results December 7th:

Winning Numbers: 2; 5; 13; 27.

The jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €150.00 to the weekly lucky winner – Sinead Cummins, Thurles.

Next Draw: December 14th. Jackpot: €7,625.00.

The weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for the next four draws: Dec. 7th 14th, 21st, 28th. We greatly appreciate your support and commitment to the Cathedral Reroofing Project....fingers crossed we might reach 600 members by Christmas!!! If you have not already done so – please join our Lotto for as little as €2 for one line or €5 per week for three lines. To join go to www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the “Join Lotto” button **OR** you can join with a cash payment - to do so, call into the Parish Office. **Have you considered giving a gift of the Parish Lotto to family & friends this Christmas? One line = €40 for 20 weeks; 3 lines: €100 for 20 weeks and more options available. Please note a mobile number can only be used once, i.e. a separate mobile number for each new member.** Alternatively, you can make a donation to the fund if you do not wish to join our Parish Lotto. **We wish to express our gratitude for €42,635.00 received in direct donations since August 31st this year.** The estimated cost of the proposed construction works will be €1,725,000. *We look forward to your continued support, which is always so gratefully received and never taken for granted.*

PARISH CENTRE: Will be closed next Friday, Dec. 15th from 1.00 – 5.00 p.m.

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. A big thanks to the great numbers who attended this very successful event.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€4,528.00** received.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Need help this Christmas? Please make a request with St Vincent de Paul @ 061 317327 or email info.midwest@svp.ie - Requests have to be in by **Dec. 13th**.

STAFF OF THURLES LIBRARY: Invite you to their annual 'Christmas Coffee Morning on Wed. December at 11.00 a.m. Students from Scoil Ailbhe will perform festive Christmas songs.

ANAM CARA TIPPERARY: Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday Dec. 18th at 7.15 p.m. in the Horse and Jockey Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online meeting. Info @ 085 288 8888 or email info@anamcara.ie

THURLES BLOOD DONATION CLINIC: The Dome, Sempole Stadium, **Sun 10th Dec, 11.50 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.** New donors welcome. Please call 1800 222 111 for appointment.

CAMEO CARE CHARITY SHOP: Volunteers urgently need. Contact: Margaret at 087 6866359 or John @ 086 2520766.

BOOK LAUNCH: Launch of ‘Christmas and the Irish : a miscellany’, edited by Salvador Ryan, in Thurles library on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 p.m. Launch by Larry Doherty.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Joe Kennedy, Ard Mhuire. †Sr. Rita Condon, Ursuline Convent, Thurles formerly Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. †Margaret (Peggy) Treacy, née Molloy, The Heath, Cloughmartin. †Martin (D.J. Marty) Maher, Thurles formerly Athnid. †Joan Murphy (Nee Whelan), Faithlegg, Co. Waterford.

May They Rest in Peace.



May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.