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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 2023:**

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

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR PASTORAL AREA**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>:** Glengoole Church: 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>:** Bóthar na Naomh Church: 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. (Mass @ 7.00 p.m.). Confessions continue after Mass until 8.00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>:** Littleton Church: 7.30 p.m.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 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.

**PALLOTTINE CHAPEL:** Christmas Eve: 7.30 p.m.; Christmas Day: 10.00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. 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:** Last opportunity to buy tickets – call to 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 21<sup>st</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: €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. 7<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**ADVENT WITH THE WORD OF GOD:** The final night of Advent Prayer with the Word of God will take place on **Tuesday** evening (not the usual Monday) in Lámh Chúnta, Bóthar na Naomh @ 8.00 p.m. (immediately after Confessions in Bóthar na Naomh Church that night) – all are welcome to join us for reflection on the Scripture Readings for Christmas.

**PRAY & PLAY LITURGY:** This weekend (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>) will be our final Sunday of Children's Pray & Play Liturgy in Bóthar na Naomh for 2023. We invite all children to Bóthar na Naomh Church on Christmas Eve for the special Christmas Family Mass (Sunday evening) @ 5.30p.m. Keep an eye on the newsletter and text alert for the re-start date in 2024.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Sincere congratulations to David Campbell, former Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Team who received the Papal honour of a Benemerenti Medal last weekend. David received this award in recognition of his involvement and immense contribution to parish renewal and its development over many years in Thurles Parish.

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

**LOTTO INITIATIVE**

**Weekly Lotto Draw Results December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Winning Numbers: 9; 11; 16; 25.**

The jackpot was not won this week.

**Cash Prize of €150.00 to the weekly lucky winner – Hannah Power, Thurles.**

**Next Draw: December 21<sup>st</sup>. Jackpot: €7,925.00.**

The weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for the next four draws: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> this year.**

*Your continued support is much appreciated.*

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€4,895.00** received.

**ANAM CARA TIPPERARY:** Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**THURLES MEN'S SHED:** Sincere thanks to the local businesses in Thurles for their generous donation to their recent Christmas Party.

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

**NORTH TIPPERARY MARY'S MEALS:** wish to thank the parishioners of Thurles for their extremely generous response to their recent appeal. They have gratefully received €5,330 which is enough to feed 242 children one meal a day for an entire school year. On behalf of the children **“Thank You.”**

**LECTURE IN THURLES LIBRARY:** Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m., *“Tipperary in 1923”* by Dr, Denis G. Marnane & assisted by Cathal O'Donoghue. The final in the series exploring an extraordinary period in Irish history.

**CABRAGH WETLANDS:** Join us for celebration of the Winter Solstice at on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. as we mark the shortest days of the year.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Diana Taghiyeva, Gortataggart Way, Brittas Road.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Denis Russell, Rathmanna House. †Geradine Dunne, née Lawlor, Monakeeba. †Monsignor James (Séamus) Ryan, A.P. Cashel & Rosegreen, formerly Newport & St. Patrick's College, Thurles. †Very Rev. Fr. Donal Cunningham, A.P., Upperchurch formerly Ballyvalode, Oola. †Willie Hayes, Carraig Hill, Roscrea. †John Cooke, Killeen, Vicarstown, Cork formerly Croke Street.

*May They Rest in Peace.*

**‘Advent is hope-filled time.  
It is a begin-again time.’**

