

**PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505**

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.**

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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.

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**CHRISTMAS 2023:**

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & Christmas Day.

**COMMENCING TUESDAY DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>:**

**MASS TIMES:**

**CATHEDRAL:** 11.00 Daily – Tuesday to Friday.

**No Evening Mass in the Cathedral Wednesday and Friday of this week.**

**SATURDAY December 30<sup>th</sup>:** Vigil Mass, 7.00 p.m.

**NO EVENING MASS** Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH:**

**NO EVENING MASS TUESDAY DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> (St. Stephen's Day)**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>:** 7.00 p.m.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>:** 10.00 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. A very big thank to all who contributed so generously during the year.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Amount received €2,135.00. A huge thanks to all who supported our Christmas Raffle!

**PARISH CENTRE:** Re-opens after Christmas on Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> at usual time.

**DECEMBER 2023 Parish Calendar & Annual Collection Envelopes:** If you have not received the parish package please contact the Parish Office.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €5,345.00 received.

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

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Jay Philip Laurence Burke, Cassestown. \*Eoghan John Hammond, Terenure, Dublin 6.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Baby Michael Eddie O'Connor, Moyne Road. †Angela Rockley, née Moloney, Hazelwood & formerly Butler Avenue. †Maudie Bourke, née Hayes, Garryvanus, Ballycahill. †Josephine Burke, née Fitzpatrick, Suirside House, Killough, Templemore. †Michael Gleeson, Wicklow, formerly Innisfallen Avenue. †Catherine Hall, née Whelan, Malvern, England, formerly Oakfield Park, Thurles. **May they rest in peace**

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THURLES PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

In the words of John Sullivan Dwight 'Oh holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Saviour's birth,' we once again join together as Parish and Christian Community to welcome and celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus. And through the birth of our Saviour, a new light of hope and love was given to us, hope and love as important today as they were over two thousand years ago. These words form our prayer this Christmas, where the love of Jesus for all his children will inspire peoples of all nations to help conquer evil, where a world of peace and harmony, filled with respect will be the future for today's newborn children.

In our own parish, and also in in our Pastoral Area, we thank the countless number of people who give of their time and efforts so generously in support of each other throughout the year. We ask our Father in Heaven, though the Child Jesus and our Mother Mary to bless you all, Christmas, we know too, for a variety of reasons is a time of heartache for so many. We remember all our loved ones who have gone to their rest, especially those who were here to celebrate with us this time last year. May we cherish their memories in our hearts this Christmas and be comforted in our faith that love endures forever. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this holy season. So as Christmas brightens our lives, the day's too also grow brighter and longer. With this new light, may our hope and love grow stronger and flourish for a brighter, peaceful future, not just for tomorrow, but every tomorrow, forever.

We pray that the love of Jesus, on night divine, be the spark to ignite the flame of peace in all our hearts this Christmas season. May the blessings and hope of this Christmas season be with you all and remain with you as we move into 2024. Christmas Blessings and a very Happy New Year to you all.

## CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF"

### LOTTO INITIATIVE

**Weekly Lotto Draw Results December 21<sup>st</sup> : Winning Numbers: 2; 14; 21; 23.**

The jackpot was not won this week.

**Cash Prize of €150.00 to the weekly lucky winner – Breda Donovan, Thurles.**

**Next Draw: December 28<sup>th</sup>. Jackpot: €8,125.00.**

**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>. If you wish to join the Parish Lotto by cash payment - 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. **Because of your generosity we have surpassed our Christmas target - we now have 630 members in our "Raise the Roof" Lotto! Míle Buíochas.** Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising initiatives to help raise sufficient funds for the Cathedral Reroofing Project.



*COME LORD*

*Come Healer of the World, Come Prince of Peace; Come Bringer of  
Light, Come Bearer of Hope; Come Love of All, Come Love Incarnate;  
Come Hope of the World, Come Peace of the World. Come Love of the World.  
That we may Create Peace, That we may Bring Hope,  
That we may Give Love, That the World may Know Joy.*