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THURLES PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: 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. (This Tuesday 7.00 p.m. Mass will include anointing of the sick)

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE visit www.thurlesparish.ie.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results March 28th: Winning Numbers will be published in next weekend's newsletter. Next Draw: April 4th, 2024.

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. We take this opportunity to remind you if your 20 week cash membership has almost reached expiry date and if you wish to continue supporting Thurles Parish Lotto please call into the Parish Office to renew. If you need clarification on your expiry date, please contact the Parish Office. If you have not already joined the Lotto, why not take the opportunity to do so now as the prize fund is now €12,425. Alternatively, you can make a donation to the Reroofing Fund if you do not wish to join our Parish Lotto.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €4,285.00 received.

EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION: Takes place this weekend, **March 30th/31st.** The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests are paid. Jim, Joe and Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of all the Priests of the Archdiocese.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES; May be returned to the Sacristies or Parish Centre in the weeks ahead. **EASTER RAFFLE:** Sincere thanks to all who so generously supported our Easter Raffle. €2,000.00 was raised for the Cathedral Reroofing Fund.

APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: National Pilgrimage in Knock Saturday **April 13th & Sunday April 14.** Further details: www.eucharisticadoration.ie or 087 1045200. Bus leaving Cashel on Sunday April 14th @ 7.00 a.m. Via Golden, Tipperary, etc. Contact Margaret Carrie on 087 0568216 or Mary Jo on 086 2112019 to book a seat.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Each month First Saturday Devotion in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, Bóthar na Naomh Church at 9.30 a.m.

EASTER WEEK (April 1st – 5th) - Mass Times:

Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. Mass Monday – Friday. Please note there will be no 7.00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral next Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Bóthar Na Naomh Church: Masses as usual – Tuesday & Thursday 7.00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Please Note: NO CONFESSIONS in the Cathedral next Saturday, April 6th.

CASHEL & EMLY ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: June 14th - 20th.

Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly. **Bookings & Enquires:** Contact Joe Walsh Tours @ info@joewalshtours.ie or – 01 241 0800. **For Assisted Pilgrims only, please contact:** Very Rev. Joe Tynan, PP: on lourdesassistedpilgrimage@cashel-emly.ie or 087 222 5445.

A special appeal has been issued for nurses or care assistants to travel as helpers on the pilgrimage this year: Special staff rates apply. For further information contact Fr. Jimmy Donnelly on 086-2622787.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed on Easter Monday. Re opens 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

CARE OF CREATION: Next Meeting, Parish Centre, Thursday April 4th, 8.00 p.m. All welcome. **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** Thurles Parish will publicly celebrate the nine day Novena of Divine Mercy (Good Friday to the Saturday of Easter Week) leading into the Feast Day of Divine Mercy (2nd Sunday of Easter - April 7th). The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed on Good Friday, immediately after the 3.00 p.m. celebration of the Lord's Passion in the Cathedral. Every other day of the Novena will take place at 3.00 p.m. in Bóthar na Naomh Church and will be livestreamed on the parish website. Divine Mercy Mass and Devotions will be celebrated in the Cathedral on April 7th with Mass at 3.00 p.m. - further details will follow. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact the parish office.

CHANGING GEARS PROGRAMME: Hayes Hotel, starting April 11th. It's a free initiative for over 50's to reflect on life experience to date, lessons learned and future planning. Funded by the HSE-participants only need to commit to attending all sessions. Dates: Thursdays 11, 18, 25 April and 2, 9 May 2024. **Times**: 11.00 am – 1.30 pm (which includes tea & coffee). Contact: fiona.holohan@ageandopportunity.ie

THURLES ACTIVE RETIREMENT APRIL MEETINGS: April 3rd & April 17th at 10.45 a.m. in Order of Malta Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all. New members are always welcome.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Memory cafe in Bookworm on Wednesday April 3rd at 11 a.m. This month we are happy to have Niamh Butler, Social Worker for Older Persons Mental Health with the HSE facilitate our group. Niamh will address the very important issue of self-care. We include a reminder of our carers support series commencing on April 11th at the Community Hospital of the Assumption. We look forward to seeing you all again.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC: Semple Stadium Tuesday April 2nd

4.50 p.m. – 8.10 p.m. Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. New Donors welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED: ‡Johnny Keane, Beechwood Lawns. ‡Sr. Dominic Hogan, Convent of Mercy, Charleville, Cork. ‡Raymund McLoughlin, Dublin, late of Innisfallen Ave. ‡Matt Cahill, London, formerly Shyan Terrace, Mitchel St.

May They Rest In Peace.



MICHAEL ENGLISH & HIS BAND IN CONCERT:

Michael English, one of Ireland's most renowned Country Music Entertainers in concert with his band next Sunday April 7th in the Premier Hall @ 8.00 p.m. Ticket Donation: €25 - now on sale in the Parish Centre, Cathedral Street, Thurles (0504 22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504-22257; Holycross Parish Office (0504 43124) and Cashel Parish Centre (062 62200). Proceeds in aid of the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Concert Tickets can be purchased in both Sacristies over the Easter weekend.