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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.

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

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF"

LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: April 18th: Winning Numbers: 4; 10; 19; 29.

Congratulations to this week's Jackpot winner – Ted O'Dwyer, Thurles.

Next Draw: April 25th, 2024. – Jackpot €5,100.00

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 continues to increase!! 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 - **€4,590.00** received.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES; May be returned to the Sacristies or Parish Centre in the weeks ahead.

THE THURLES POLISH COMMUNITY: Invite all parishioners to the celebration of welcome for the relics of the Blessed Martyrs, Polish Franciscans, Zbigniew Strzalkowski and Michal Tomaszek. The celebration will take place during Mass at 1.00 p.m. St. Joseph and St. Brigid Church, Bohernanave, on Sunday April 21st. Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, General Consul of Poland Maciej Wojcik, Abbot of Glenstal Brendan Coffey will be present. It is the goal of the Polish community to share the veneration of the heroic Franciscans who sacrificed their lives in the Peruvian Andes in 1991, with our Irish brothers and sisters in faith, who over the last 20 years have magnanimously accepted us on their land and in their workplaces.

MAY PROCESSION: Celebrate the month of May and honour our Lady in the newly developed Loughtagalla Park, **Wednesday 1st May @ 7:45 p.m.** with rosary, hymns and blessing of Our Lady's statue. All are welcome to join in our Parish May Procession.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: Organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2024

SATURDAY MAY 18th:

10.00 a.m.: **SCOIL AILBHE - BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH;**

10.00 a.m.: **RAHEALTY N.S. – CATHEDRAL;**

12.00 Noon: **PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL – CATHEDRAL.**

SATURDAY MAY 25th:

10.00 a.m.: **GAEL SCOIL - BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH;**

12.00 Noon: **LEUGH N.S. - BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH;**

12.00 Noon: **SCOIL ANGELA URSULINE PRIMARY SCHOOL – CATHEDRAL.**

ANAM CARA & MILFORD CARE CENTRE LIMERICK: will host a face-to-face Bereavement Information and Support Evening in Milford Care centre, Castretroy, Limerick on **Thursday 2nd May** from 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Registration from 6:45pm) This evening gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges and milestones parents face on their journey through grief.

SCOIL AILBHE PROGRESSIVE 25: Scoil Ailbhe will be holding a Progressive 25 in the school hall on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8.00 p.m. Prize money of €1,000! This was a sell-out event last year so get your tickets early. Tickets available from the school office at **0504-21448** and **087-9815204**. There will also be a **monster raffle** on the night and tickets at **€5** each are available through the school.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Benny Junior Power, Beechwood Lawns. *Sadie Mai Power Corbett, Ashgrove.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Brenda Pender née Commins, Killerig, Carlow formerly Two-Mile-Borris. †Margaret Kennedy née O'Brien, Ballysimon Rd, Limerick.

May She Rest In Peace.

CASHEL & EMLY ARCHDIOCESAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

TO LOURDES: June 14th - 20th.

Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly. **Bookings & Enquires:** Contact Joe Walsh Tours @ info@joewalshstours.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.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father:

We thank You for food and remember the hungry.

We thank You for health and remember the sick.

We thank You for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank You for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.