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THURLES PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: Cathedral: Saturday Vigil 7.00 p.m., Sunday 11.00 a.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church: Sunday 09.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. WEEKDAYS:

Cathedral: Monday - Friday: 11.00 a.m.

Bóthar na Naomh: Tuesday & Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Saturday: 11.00 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 Aug 21st, 2025: Winning Numbers: 4; 7: 11; 15.

The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €50 to the weekly lucky Winner – Mary Kennnedy, Thurles. Next Draw August 28th 2025, Jackpot €9,300.

To help us reach our target of €2.2 million for this reroofing project new members are always required and welcome! Alternatively, you can make a donation to the fund if you do not wish to join our Parish Lotto.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support towards the Cathedral Reroofing Project.

MONSTER METAL SCRAP COLLECTION FUNDRAISER:

Thurles Mart next weekend, Friday August 29th & Saturday August 30th.
ALL PROCEEDS TO CATHEDRAL REROOFING PROJECT.

Collection Service available – please contact Phil on 087 2420074.

All Metal Scrap Donation Greatly Appreciated!!

MICHAEL ENGLISH & HIS BAND: "Faith, Hope & Inspiration Concert" in the Cathedral on Friday, September 26th, 2025, in aid of the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Ticket Donation: €30 - now on sale in Parish Office, Cathedral Street (0504 22229) & Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257).

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €3,800.00 received.

CASHEL AND EMLY ONE DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG: 8th/9th Sept, Mass and confessions in Knock on **Monday 8th**. Overnight Stay in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran with evening meal and B & B included. Travelling to Lough Derg on **Tuesday 9th** for Retreat from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Returning home on Tuesday evening after a meal in Roscommon. Buses available with various pick-up points. For more information and booking contact Brigid O'Dea on 086 679 2754.

OUR LADYOF FATIMA NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: *Holycross Abbey, Sunday August 31st.* Rosary 2.30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross 3.00 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick 3.40 p.m.; Mass at 4.00 p.m. with Celebrant, Fr. Vincent Stapleton. All very welcome. **FOUND:** Small key on blue string found in Westgate last week. Contact Parish Office.

VOICES OF THE ABBEY: To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Holycross Abbey we have collected and edited a series of videos of people associated with the Abbey. In these visual records we get first-hand accounts of what the Abbey was like before, during and after the Restoration which was a national as well as a local project. Join us on **Saturday August 30th at 8.00 p.m. in Holycross Community Centre** as we honour the people who made history happen. Free event, with a break for refreshments and a raffle.

ACN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Saturday August 30th** to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the Basilica 3.00 p.m. For more info, see www.acnireland.org

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGION OF MARY: 'On Mission With Mary' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7 on Saturday 30 August, 9.30am to 5.30am Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'On Mission With Mary'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT: September $5^{th} - 7^{th}$. A guided 3-day journey to some of the most secret and sacred places in the Burren. Let the beauty of this amazing landscape renew you in body and soul. Enquiries: Mary 087 970 1130/booking: Noirin 087 447 9115.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 2025: October 1st – 31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Monthly Memory Café @ Bookworm **Wednesday Sept.** 3rd at 11.00 am. Talk on Dementia Awareness and risk factors, and how we can modify some of the risk factors. **Carers Support Group** in the Community Hospital of the Assumption for seven consecutive weeks, commencing on Thursday Oct. 9th at 1.00 p.m. and every Thursday thereafter until November 20th.

THURLES LIBRARY EXHIBITION: August 2025: Nature's Pace by Lily Fitzpatrick and Maria Rose Browne in the Gallery in Thurles Library during regular library opening hours.

THURLES CAR BOOT SALE: Saturday next August 30th, fully stalled up to 3.00 p.m. €2 entry, Children free; €10 for Sellers. Information: Kevin @ 085 2209154.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Cassie Lola Loughnane, Ikerrin Court. *Veronica Méabh Chruslak, Ballynonty. *Noah Milan Tomicic, Ballyduff, Co. Waterford.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Michael (Mick) Connolly, The Grove, Cabra, formerly Kinvara, Co. Galway. Funeral Mass Cathedral this Sunday 11,00 a.m. followed by Burial in Holycross Abbey Cemetery. †Michael (Mick) Hassett, Beakstown, Holycross. †Seán O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan's Pub, Killea, Templelmore. †Thomas Ryan (Jerry), Reiska, Kilcommon.

CELTIC PRAYER

Bless those minding cattle, and those minding sheep, and those fishing the sea while the rest of us sleep.

May the rains sweep gentle across your fields, may the sun warm the land, may every good seed you have planted bear fruit, and late summer find you standing in fields of plenty.

And if God sends you down a stony path, may He give you strong shoes.