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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 December 4th, 2025:

Winning Numbers :- 6; 20; 25; 29. The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €50 to the weekly lucky Winner.

Next Draw: Dec. 11th, 2025. Jackpot: €14,550.00

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1 million of the €2.5 million required for us to commence the Reroofing of our Cathedral. Thank you!!

IN OUR HANDS: PRESERVING OUR CATHEDRAL'

We have now commenced Phase 2 of our fundraising campaign which we hope will get us to the magic figure of €2.5 million. **"In Our Hands: Preserving Our Cathedral"** is a fundraising campaign that we hope will encourage people, near and far, to support the reroofing project by donating towards the cost of the slates. Our objective is to have all the necessary works to this magnificent building completed in time for the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral's construction in 2029. Please consider supporting the 'Donate a Slate' Campaign – you can purchase a slate or a bundle of 4 – a symbolic and practical way to help reroof the Cathedral. **A slate would make a perfect Christmas Gift?** *Let us preserve our sacred Cathedral, protect its rich history and ensure it continues to inspire for generations to come!* Visit www.inourhandstthurles.ie for more information.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR GALA CONCERT: Congratulations to the Cathedral Choir accompanied by Clonmel Concert Band and all involved in this beautiful performance of seasonal music and song in the Cathedral last Sunday evening.

LIMITED EDITION NATURE PRINTS: On sale in the Parish Centre "In memory of the late Sally Willoughby, A limited-edition series of 20 wooden nature prints, celebrating God's flora and fauna - wrapped and ready for Christmas gifts. Cost: €20. Proceeds to the "In Our hands – Preserving the Cathedral" Campaign.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets (€2 or 3 for €5) now on sale at the Parish Office. A great variety of prizes. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project.

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS CARDS: Kindly made by our parishioners, Marina & Moireen, available in the Parish Centre. Donations only -proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Fund. Thurles Parish Christmas Cards (€3) & Christmas Mass Bouquets (€13) also available.

DECEMBER 2025: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Letter from the Parish Pastoral Team and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2026 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin **Jan.4th 2026**. If you do not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office. **Envelope Distributors:** We would greatly appreciate if you could collect your envelopes next week. Thank you!

FAMILY MASS: This Saturday, Dec. 6th, 7.00 p.m., Cathedral. Theme: "Preparing for Christmas." We invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your crib to be blessed during the Mass.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€4,510.00** received.

THE CHOSEN: Continues in Lámh Chúnta for Season 4. Mondays @ 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

THURLES YOUNG ADULT PRAYER MEETING: Continuing Friday, 19 Dec @ 8.00 p.m. in Bóthar Na Naomh Church (Open to 18yr olds upwards). All are welcome.

THURLES YOUTH PRAYER: Continuing on Friday, 12th Dec @ 3.30pm - meeting at the steps at the Cathedral door. All welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH - MASS TIMES:

Sunday Dec. 7th: BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: 7.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass).

Monday Dec 8th: BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: 9.30 a.m. (Please note additional morning Mass for Holy Day). Monday Dec 8th: CATHEDRAL: 11.00 a.m.

VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Tuesday, Dec. 9th, in Bóthar na Naomh Church, commencing with Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass 7.00 p.m. and concluding with Adoration & Reflection until 8.30 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. James Purcell.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR WORLD PEACE & THE PRIESTHOOD: Bóthar Na Naomh Church, Sat. Dec.13th & 14th - commencing Saturday at 8.00 p.m. Concludes with Mass & Benediction, Sun. Dec.14th at 9.30 a.m. To sign up to commit to an hour anytime during the vigil, a rota will be left at the back of both churches. All very welcome. Info: 085 1532258 or 086 3079281.

TEMPLEMORE PARISH FOLK GROUP CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT: Dec. 14th @ 7.30pm. Guests: Local Group "Out the Road". Tickets: €25. **ON SALE NOW** – from any Folk Group member/Parish Office 0504 35772/band member or contact 086 1716989.

HOLYCROSS ABBEY: Celebrates its Jubilee Year with a concert featuring the Brú Ború Singers, Musicians & Dancers on Saturday Dec. 13th at 8.00 p.m. in Holycross Abbey. Info: 0504-43124.

STAFF OF THURLES LIBRARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THEIR FRIENDS FROM MEITHEAL21, Annual 'Christmas Coffee Morning' Thurs., 11th Dec @ 11 am. Students from Gaelscoil Bhride will perform festive songs. Join us for a coffee, a mince pie & Christmas festivity.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE PRESENTED BY URSULINE SECONDARY SCHOOL, SCOIOL ANGELA, ST ANGELA'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC & THURLES COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA: December 16th, 7.00pm - Cathedral of the Assumption. Donations on the night in aid of '*In Our Hands - Preserving Our Cathedral*' – Cathedral Reroofing Project.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THURLES ANNUAL APPEAL: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. **For families or people who need help this Christmas they can make a request by ringing St Vincent de Paul phone @ 061 317327 or email info.midwest@svp.ie Requests have to be in by Dec. 15th.** Unfortunately, due to shortage of volunteers we are unable to assist Santa with toys.

FOR ATTENTION OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR HAVE YET TO START: The Dept. of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. See - gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

BOOK LAUNCH: 'Dr. Harty Cup 1918 – 2025' by Liam Ó Donnchú, Horse & Jockey Hotel, Wed. 10th Dec. at 8.00 p.m. Books on sale from 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Michael O' Loughlin, Killinan. †Hugh Wallace, Dublin. †Paddy Purcell, Shannon, formerly Bohervaroon.

May They Rest In Peace.

"We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. It cannot be emphasised enough how everything is interconnected." **Laudato Si'**