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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 11th, 2025:

Winning Numbers -: 4; 10; 23; 28. The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €50 to the weekly lucky Winner- Mary Kennedy, Thurles.

Next Draw: Dec. 18th, 2025. Jackpot: €14,900.00

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.inourhandsthurles.ie for more information.*

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.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €5,003.00 received.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 20th & 21st. This collection is for the support of priests, active and retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last Clergy Collection for 2025 and so a very big thanks to all who contributed to our collections during the year.

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!**

CHRISTMAS 2025:

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday Dec. 21st, 7.30 p.m. We continue this century old tradition started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH: Bóthar na Naomh Church: 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Mass @ 7.00 p.m. (Confessions continue after Mass if required.)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE:

Cathedral :1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE PRESENTED BY URSULINE SECONDARY SCHOOL, SCOIL 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: For families or people who need help this Christmas please make a request by ringing St Vincent de Paul phone @ 061 317327 or email info.midwest@svp.ie Requests 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/primaryschoolssurvey

THURLES LIBRARY - Thursday December 18th, 12 noon - Anthony Condron's 'The Third Wave' Trio in concert. Free admission. All welcome.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH- FRIENDLY COMMUNITY BASED GROUPS: For anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Templemore Library Monday at 11am- Contact Celia 086-1526966/www.grow.ie

NEWLY BAPTISED: * Harry Patrick Lane, Mill Road. *Maja Maria Ziedalska, Kilrush.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Jim Collins, Dromore, Cabra. †Tommie Griffin, Clongour. †Eamon Lalor, Durrow, Co. Laois. †Lettita Clare Taaffe, née Barron, Maynooth, formerly Leeds. †Nancy (Anne) Minogue, née Marrinan, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare. †Bridie (Biddy) Coyne, née Ryan, New York, formerly Mitchel Street.

May They Rest In Peace.

"Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people whether at home or around the world." Laudato Si'