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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](http://www.thurlesparish.ie).**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION: "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE**

**Weekly Lotto Draw Results December 25<sup>th</sup> – Details of Winner next Week.**

**Next Draw: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.**

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1.1 million of the €2.5 million required for us to commence the Reroofing of our Cathedral. Thank you!!

**'IN OUR HANDS: PRESERVING OUR CATHEDRAL'**

Having 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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. *Let us preserve our sacred Cathedral, protect its rich history and ensure it continues to inspire for generations to come! Visit [www.inourhandsthurles.ie](http://www.inourhandsthurles.ie) for more information. Thanks to all who have purchased slates since the beginning of Phase 2 Fundraising venture.*

**CAROL SERVICE:** *Congratulations and thanks to all our Parish Choirs and all involved in this beautiful evening of seasonal music and song. €1,220 was received on the night for the Cathedral Reroofing Project. A big thanks to all who contributed.*

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€5,915.00** received.

**MASS TIMES week commencing Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Cathedral: 11.00 Daily Monday – Friday.

Bóthar na Naomh Church: **No Evening Mass Tuesday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who supported our Christmas Clergy Collection. Fr. Jim and Fr. Vincent appreciate your continued generosity.

**DECEMBER 2025:** Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card, Letter from PPT & package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2026 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. If you do not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Re-opens Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup> – usual opening hours. Closed Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** Croíadh Teresa Fitzgerald, Sean Treacy Avenue.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Rodgie Maher, Toomaline, Doon, Co. Limerick.

**May They Rest In Peace.**

*Best wishes for 2026 – wishing everyone a year filled with happiness, health and peace. Thurles Parish Pastoral Team.*

**Parish of Thurles**  
**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	2024 €	2023 €	Variation %
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory collection	255,121	223,845	14.0%
Shrines/candles	68,692	60,935	12.7%
Charity tax refund	74,612	62,744	18.9%
Parish Centre	17,729	18,583	-4.6%
Bequests	5,056	8,446	-40.1%
Other income (including donations etc.)	7,441	4,785	55.5%
	<u>428,651</u>	<u>379,338</u>	13.0%
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Salaries	119,289	117,184	1.8%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	39,183	44,454	-11.9%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	55,140	65,019	-15.2%
Non-recurring expenditure	0	5,880	-100.0%
Heating, lighting, phone, postage & stationery	84,540	99,641	-15.2%
Parish insurance	22,425	22,365	0.3%
Other expenses	44,545	46,626	-4.5%
	<u>365,122</u>	<u>401,170</u>	-9.0%
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) for year</b>	<u>€63,529</u>	<u>- €21,832</u>	

Gross income increased by about 13% during 2024 to €428,651 (2023 €379,338). The 2024 increase follows a similar increase during 2023. Despite these recent years' increases in gross income, the Parish is not yet fully back to where it stood in the pre-Covid year of 2019.

Costs were down by €12,149 for energy and by €2,953 for phone, postage & stationery.

The net spend on maintenance, repairs, decoration between ongoing and non-recurring expenditure for 2024 was €55,140 (2023 €70,899), a reduction of €15,759.

The Parish made a surplus in 2024 of €63,529 compared with a shortfall in 2023 of -€21,832. This has come about through the combination of increased income and cost reductions referred to above.

The Collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly into the Common Fund, this is a separate account funded solely by the Clergy Collections. Our Parish well reached its target for 2024 of €127,166 (2023 target €127,166) reflecting the continued generous support of Parishioners. Surplus to target on the Common Fund may be used for parish needs.

We had a target of €50,095 for the 2024 Diocesan Services collection, the target in 2023 was €38,535. The Diocesan Services collection in 2024 amounted to only €4,540 (2023 €6,075) leaving very significant shortfalls which were made up from the Common Fund.

Funds raised for Parish Building Projects are accounted for separately and periodically reported.

**We thank sincerely all Parishioners for their generous support in so many ways during the past year.**

**Rev. James Purcell**  
**25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Rev. Vincent Stapleton**

*Accountants: Patrick C Horan & Co.*