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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.

(This Tuesday 7.00 p.m. Mass will include anointing of the sick)

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

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION: "RAISE THE ROOF"

LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results February 26th

Winning Numbers: 1; 23; 25; 26. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner: Patsy Coffey, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 5th, 2026; Jackpot: €18,875.00.

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1.2 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 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. *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. Thanks to all who have purchased slates since the beginning of Phase 2 Fundraising venture.*

EASTER RAFFLE: Great selection of prizes! Tickets now available in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets: €2 each or 3 for €5.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €4,447.00 received.

COMMUNION CALLS: If you or someone in your family wish to receive Holy Communion during First Friday week – please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

EVENING OF REFLECTION: For all Parish Eucharistic Ministers will take place in the Cathedral, **Thursday March 12th** from 7.45 – 8.30 p.m.

DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION: This weekend, Feb. 28th/March 1st. Administering the Archdiocese is the responsibility of the Archbishop and his staff working from the Diocesan Office. They are charged with the legal, financial and pastoral care of the Archdiocese, its priests, people, property and assets. We appreciate your contribution to the Diocesan Services Collection. (White Envelope (01-Mar-26).

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Bóthar na Naomh Church next Saturday, March 7th at 10.30 a.m.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT: Day of Spiritual Restoration, St Saviour's Parish Hall, Limerick on Sat. March 14th. Info @ info@catholicmothers.ie

LENT 2026

TRÓCAIRE THEME 2026: *"Full of Grace – Transform the world with God's Love".*

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Available at the back of both Churches.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perhaps consider giving an Hour's Adoration to the Lord during Lent.

CASHEL & EMLY ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: June 12th – 17th. General information and booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours @ 01 2410800; for **Assisted Pilgrims -Fr. Joe Tynan -087 2225445** or by email at lourdesassistedpilgrims@cashel-emly.ie; anyone wishing to travel as a **Helper** please contact Jacqueline **089 4913351** or email lourdespilgrimage@cashel-emly.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI (ST. PIO SHRINE) & ASSISI, (800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS): Five Nights: Sept. 9th - 14th. Pilgrimage Leader: Fr. Eugene Everard. Information, from Helen on 0863718464 or Joe Walsh Tours (01)2410800.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT: Led by Fr Rozo Palić in Knock Shrine Welcome Centre Sat. March 7th at 10.00am & Sun. 8th at 10.00am. Fr.Rozo will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team. For enquiries, please contact Patricia 089 9466193 or fionatjennongs@yahoo.com

LEUGH NS TRACTOR, VINTAGE AND MOTORBIKE RUN: Sunday March 8th taking off from Thurles Racecourse. Registration at 11.00 a.m. Run leaving at 12.15 p.m. A Family Fun Day out with a Mini Tractor Run for Tots!!

THURLES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: Will take place on **St. Patrick's Day, March 17th**, arriving in the square at 2.30. We would love to showcase the best of Thurles, so our theme for 2026 is *"Wearing of the Green"*, and we would encourage all groups/clubs to enter. Stewards are also needed on the day. Contact Ev with any queries on 087 9774725.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY: Next Memory Cafe Wed. March 4th, Bookworm at 11.00 a.m. We will focus on Brain Health and what might support it. We will have a memory jogger quiz, and do some singing for the brain. All welcome.

COFFEE MORNING: In aid of The Liver Transplant Unit, Thurles Golf Club on Fri. March 6th from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. All are most welcome.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT: Sarsfields Sports Centre, Sat. March 7th @ 9.00 p.m. in aid of The Cameo Care Centre, Thurles (Dementia Care). Music by "The InLaws". Raffle & Spot Prizes. Admission free. **CAMEO CHARITY SHOP:** Volunteers urgently needed for three hour shift (once weekly) at Cameo Charity Shop, (near Ely's Centra) Slievenamon Road. If interested call John on 086 2520766 or call into the shop, 11.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m., Monday – Saturday.

'LIVING WELL' PROGRAMME Organised by HSE Mid-West, a group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions, commencing on Tuesday March 3rd at Hospital of the Assumption from 10.30am - 1pm for 6 weeks. Prior registration necessary, call Philip at 087 1799396 for more information. Free event.

'SIVE' BY JOHN B KEANE: Holycross Community Centre Mon. 2nd & Tues. 3rd March (2 extra nights) at 8.00 p.m. with limited seating available. Admission €15, concession and students €10.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Leah Grace Croke, Dún Muilleann, Mill Road. *Emilia Grace Holohan, Rahealty.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Thomas Cooke, Bawntameena.

"We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread."

Laudato Si