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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 February 19th

Winning Numbers: 10; 11; 20; 24. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner: Margaret Molumby, Thurles.

Next Draw: Feb. 26th, 2026; Jackpot: €18,500.00.

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 - €3,636.00 received.

DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION: Next 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)

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: September 9th - 14th. Pilgrimage Leader: Fr. Eugene Everard. For more information, contact Helen English on 0863718464 or Joe Walsh Tours (01)2410800.

LENT 2026

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

TROCAIRE BOXES: Available at the back of both Churches.

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

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. No prior booking required, please bring a packed lunch. Family, friends, the sick are most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Patricia 089 9466193 or fionatjennongs@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS LENTEN TALKS: Holy Rosary Parish Hall, every Tuesday from Feb. 24th to March 31st incl., 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Enquiries: 0874106025.

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!!

CABRAGH WETLANDS BIODIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMME 2026: Evening lectures & weekend field trips - Practical skills. Visit stdc.ie or Cabraghwetlands.ie for more information. Download application form <https://tinyurl.com/BioLeaderApplicationForm>. Completed application forms to Cabraghwetlandsmembers@gmail.com by Feb. 27th.

MAUREEN ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL WALK: Sunday, Feb. 22nd, Upperchurch. Registration: 12.30 p.m., Upperchurch Community Hall (Choice of 2 Walks). All donations to Sacred Heart Church, Upperchurch Roof Repair Fund. Donations accepted through Revolut – 0860721561.

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.

THURLES LIBRARY: Presents *'Remembering Ukraine on the 4th Anniversary of the Full-Scale Invasion'* with local historian John Connors on Tuesday February 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Gallery.

HOLYCROSS BALLYCAHILL DRAMA GROUP: 2026 Festival production of *'Sive'* by John B. Keane in St. Michael's Community Centre Holycross on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th February at 8.00 p.m. General Admission €15, Concession and students €10. A great night of entertainment guaranteed. Raffle and teas on the night.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION GATHERING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS, CONFIRMATION PARENTS & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

We invite you to a Talk in **Bóthar na Naomh Church on Tuesday February 24th at 7.45 p.m.** The Speaker will be Fiona Kelly, Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator. We look forward to your presence on the evening.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Cullen, Kennedy Park. †Noreen Dennehy, Croke Gardens, formerly Ard na Croise. †Claire Donnelly, née Burke, Mount George, Borrisoleigh. †Ena Campion, née O'Rourke, Mountrath, Co. Laois. †Marion Ryan -Martin, née Crowe, Rossmore formerly Shyan Terrace, Mitchel Street.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly can affect the world around us.....avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights and any number of other practices."

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