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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.

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

Weekly Lotto Draw Results March 12th:

Winning Numbers: 6; 7; 13; 22. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner: Anne Grogan, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 19th, 2026; Jackpot: €19,500.00.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to all the Young People who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral this weekend and to all their parents and teachers. A big *'Thank You'* to all who helped make these ceremonies so meaningful and special – Teachers, Stewards, Musicians and Singers, Meg & Jim, Cathedral Flower Group, Parish Office Staff and all who prepared the Cathedral Grounds.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM: The ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil form one great Paschal celebration. Join us for three Monday nights leading into Easter as we reflect on the readings and symbols of the Easter Triduum. Beginning next Monday, 16th March in Lámh Chunta @ 8pm where we explore Holy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: MONDAY MARCH 17th, 2026 – MASS TIMES:

Bóthar na Naomh Church: Monday March 16th, Vigil Mass: 7.00 p.m. Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. (Please note additional Vigil & Morning Mass). **PLEASE NOTE: NO EVENING MASS in**

Bóthar na Naomh Church, TUESDAY MARCH 17th.

Cathedral: Monday – 11.00 a.m.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir!!

PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT: Come and enjoy an Evening with Patrick Feeney & his Band on their Gospel Concert Tour **Saturday April 25th in Church of St Joseph & St Brigid, Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 8.00 p.m.** Ticket Donation: €30. Proceeds towards Cathedral Reroofing Appeal. Tickets available from Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257) and Holycross Parish Office (0504 43124).

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,992.00** received.

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.

THURLES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, Liberty Square at 2.30. Our theme for 2026 is *"Wearing of the Green"* and we are looking forward to a great turn out on the day! **We need stewards to help out with erecting barriers and crowd control - any help would be appreciated. If you can help please call: 087 9774725.**

THURLES MUSICAL SOCIETY: Upcoming show *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* takes place in the Premier Hall, 8.00 p.m. nightly, from 24th to 28th March. Tickets available on www.gr8events.ie and from Bookworm, Liberty Square.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us to celebrate the Spring Equinox on Friday March 20th at 8.00 p.m. The season of renewal, as we mark equal day and equal night.

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.

URSULINE SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 REUNION: Members of the Ursuline Secondary School Leaving Cert Class 1976 wish all classmates for a Reunion on 12.09.2026 at the Anner Hotel. Please share this with family & friends who were in this year group. Please contact me [@ber.corcoran@btopenworld.com](mailto:ber.corcoran@btopenworld.com) to join our Ursuline 50th Reunion WhatsApp Group.

PURPLE DAY (OR EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY): *Thursday 26th March. Please visit purpleday.org.*

NEWLY BAPTISED: Charlie John Wade, Riverwood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Campion, Monakeeba. †Paddy Kennedy, Sarsfield Street. †John Bourke, Riversdale, Knockvicar, Boyle, Co. Roscommon

NATIONAL TREE WEEK:

To mark National Tree week, March 8th -15th, members of our "Care of Creation" group planted a variety of native shrubs and small trees around the grounds of Bóthar na Naomh. These were planted alongside our new spring bulbs and will help add to the beauty and biodiversity of the area. This project is funded by the Diocese as part of the commitment from Irish Bishop's to restore 30% of Church grounds to Biodiversity. We look forward to seeing these trees grow and flourish in the years ahead.

"Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord"

'Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life'.
Laudato Si

