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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 March 19th:

Winning Numbers: 4; 7; 13; 21. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner: Michael & Gertie Russell, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 25th, 2026; Jackpot: €19,950.00.

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1.3 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 - €3,902.00 received.

FAMILY MASS: We invite all families to join us this Saturday, March 21st, for Family Mass in the Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. Theme: *'Lean on others, when you're in need'*.

VIGIL: In honour of the Annunciation of the Lord, Thursday March 26th, Bóthar na Naomh Church, commencing at 6.30 p.m. with Rosary, Mass - 7.00 p.m. and Holy Hour 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. John Makoni.

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. Continues next Monday, 23rd March in Lámh Chunta @ 8.00 p.m. where we explore Holy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

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 Project. Tickets available from Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257) and Holycross Parish Office (0504 43124).

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.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU: Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive free professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. Closing date for applications: Friday, May 29th. Contact Aisling on 015053112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie or visit www.accord.ie

THURLES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: Míle Buíochas to all involved with the 'In Our Hands', Preserving our Cathedral St. Patrick's Day Float. A special thank you to Thurles Lions Club and St. Angela's Academy of Music for initiating and joining together in this promotional venture. Thanks also to all who provided, decorated and organised the floats – well done to all involved!

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.

THURLES CROKES ATHLETICS CLUB: Car Boot Sale and Market, Saturday March 28th. Sellers: €10 per car/van. Entry : €2 per person. Children free.

REMEMBERING TONY RYAN AND THE RYAN'S OF BOHERNAMONA RD AND MITCHEL ST.: Declan Ryan in conversation, sharing memories and stories of two Thurles families and how his father changed the face of global aviation. **Bookworm April 2nd at 7.00pm.** All welcome.

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@bopenworld.com](mailto:ber.corcoran@bopenworld.com) to join our Ursuline 50th Reunion WhatsApp Group.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Alan Butler, Ballygammane, Thurles & Clonoulty, formerly Cloneyharp, Ballycahill.

'Environmental education has broadened its goals. It seeks to restore the various levels of ecological equilibrium, establishing harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God'. *Laudato Si*

