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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 26th:

Winning Numbers: 11, 12, 13, 14. The Jackpot was won.

Jackpot Winner: Congratulations to Paddy Barry, Thurles

Next Draw: April 2nd 2026; Jackpot: €1,000.

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: Tickets available in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Raffle will take place next **Wednesday April 1st** after 11.00 a.m. Mass – come along for a cuppa to the Parish Centre.

EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION: Takes place next weekend 4th/5th April (White Envelope 05-April-26). The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests are paid. Jim & Vincent say "thank you" for your continued support.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,600.00** received.

TROCAIRE BOXES: May be returned to the Sacristies or Parish Centre in the weeks ahead.

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, 30th March in Lámh Chunta @ 7.30 p.m. where we explore the Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday night Liturgy.

DIVINE MERCY: Annual novena chapel of Divine Mercy will commence in the Cathedral on Good Friday @ 4.00 p.m. (immediately after the celebration of the Lord's Passion). The Novena will continue in Bohernanave Church @ 3.00 p.m. each day (the hour of Mercy) until Saturday 11th April. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in Thurles Cathedral on Sunday 12th April- beginning with Exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Rosary @ 2.30 p.m.; Chaplet @ 3.00 p.m.; Reflections and blessing of Divine Mercy Image with Benediction; Mass @ 4.00 p.m.; finishing with veneration of the Image. Hope to see you there for this beautiful final day of the Easter Octave.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed on Good Friday.

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@cachel-emly.ie; anyone wishing to travel as a **Helper** please contact Jacqueline **089 4913351** or email lourdespilgrimage@cachel-emly.ie.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Memory Cafe on Wednesday 1st April, at Bookworm at 11.00 a.m. This month we will focus on arts and crafts as a meaningful activity, which encourages creativity and communication, for people with dementia. We look forward to meeting everyone again.

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.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY ORGANISERS for Thurles would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and those who donated so generously on Friday, March 20th. A total of €14,324 was raised! Thank you.

LIVER TRANSPLANT UNIT: We were very grateful to all who supported our Coffee Morning in Thurles Golf Club on Fri. March 6th. **€12,870.00** was raised. Thank you!

CLOCKS FORWARD: Don't forget to put your clock forward this Sunday March 29th @ 1.00 a.m.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Cathal John McNally, Leugh. *John Joseph Morrissey, Matthew Avenue. *Danny James Loughnane, Abbot Court, Holycross.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Maher, Collins Park. †Mary Quigley, née Kennedy, Graigue, Moycarkey, formerly Butler Avenue. †Sr. Carmel Daly, Presentation Convent, Thurles & O'Curry Road, Dublin, formerly Ballingoola, Herbertstown, Co. Limerick.

'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience'. *Laudato Si*