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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 April 23rd:

Winning Numbers: 1; 10; 14; 22. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner: Jimmy Purcell, Thurles.

Next Draw: April 30th, 2026; Jackpot: €2, 775.00.

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1.4 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.*

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,795.00** received.

FAMILY MASS: We invite you to join us this Saturday April 25th at 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. *Good Shepherd Sunday – following God's Call.*

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.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: May be returned to the Sacristies or Parish Centre in the next two weeks

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026: 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

VIGIL OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Loughmore Church, First Friday & First Saturday, May 1st/2nd, commencing at 8 pm First Friday Mass and 12 am First Saturday Mass and prayers. Vigil ends 1.45am. Our Lady's urgent appeal for prayer and penance to end all Wars and Global unrest.

CASHEL & EMILY LOURDES SOCIAL: May 9th, The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick. Music by 'Soundwave'. Dancing 9.00 p.m. – midnight. Hot Finger Food Served. Admission: €10. All welcome – come along for a great night!!

"St. Francis invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Through the greatness and beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker." (Wisdom 13:5)

MASS & HEALING SERVICE: Littleton Church, Tuesday 28th April, 7.30 p.m. Healing Service at 7.00 p.m. Holy Face prayers at 6 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Brendan Walsh.

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: May 2nd, 9.00 a.m. St Kevins Church, Littleton: "Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of the Five First Saturday Devotion together with the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary." Sr Lucia of Fatima, March 1939."

THURLES LIBRARY BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL: Wednesday 29th April until end of May now open for bookings. Contact the library on 052 616 6131 to find out more and to book your event(s).

CAMEO CARE, (DEMENTIA DAY CARE CENTRE): Invites anyone wishing to volunteer on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10.30 to 1pm. Please contact Marita on 086 2509669.

CABRAGH WETLANDS: Join us for the Celebration of the Celtic Feast of Bealtaine on Thursday April 30th at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES: Next Memory Cafe in Bookworm on Wednesday May 6th at 11am. This cafe will also be our Alzheimer's Tea Day. By hosting a tea day, Dementia Friendly Thurles support the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, who provide an immense service for people with a dementia diagnosis and their Carers.

TEMPLEMORE ACTIVE RETIREMENT ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY: May 7th, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Templemore Arms Hotel. Please support!

5TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STROKE, organised by the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group, in the Cashel Palace Hotel, Cashel, Monday April 27th, commencing at 10:00am. Information: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/2026-national-conference-on-stroke-cashel-palace-hotel-cashel-tickets-1983736592549>

TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP: Six week activator walking programme in Loughtagalla Park. This programme will start on May 11th from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This programme costs €10 plus booking fee and poles will be provided. Register for this programme on www.tipperarysports.ie or call 052 616 6201 or 052 616 6380. This programme promotes strength, mobility, balance and aerobic fitness. It is an excellent tool for pre/post hip or knee surgery.

MICHAEL ENGLISH FUNDRAISING CHURCH CONCERT: Church of St. Mary of the Rosary, Nenagh Monday May 4th. Doors open 7.00 p.m. Show: 8.00 p.m. Tickets €30 from Nenagh Parish Office & Local Outlets & online from www.michaelenglish.ie

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Darragh Martin Quirke, Rosemount.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Elaine Coughlan, Childers Park. †Nancy Gleeson, née Ormond, Brownstown, Loughmore. †Tony Conti, Sydney, Australia.

MARY, OUR MOTHER

The month of May holds a special place in the heart of the Church. It is a time when blossoms begin to unfold, the earth comes alive with colour and fragrance, and so too does our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and our mother. For centuries, May has been set aside as Mary's month, a time of renewed honour and love for the one who gave her wholehearted "yes" to God and brought Christ into the world. During this month of May, may we draw closer to her. Let us entrust our families, our Church, and our own hearts to her care. And let us repeat with childlike devotion the ancient prayer of the Church:

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

May Procession: Wednesday May 13th, 7.00 p.m., Loughtagalla Park.