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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.

(This Tuesday 7.00 p.m. Mass will include anointing of the sick)

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE visit www.thurlesparish.ie.

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

Weekly Lotto Draw Results Aug 27th:

Winning Numbers 9; 10; 20; 29. The Jackpot was not won.

Cash Prize of €50 to the Weekly Winner:

Caitriona Skehan, London & Thurles.

Next Draw: September 3rd - Jackpot: €9,150.

We are deeply grateful to all who have supported to date our fundraising drive for the Cathedral Reroofing Project – we are delighted to inform you that we have exceeded 1.5 million. *Míle Buíochas!*

The lotto has assisted immensely in reaching the €1.5 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. 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.*

MONSTER METAL SCRAP COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who organised and supported this worthwhile fundraising venture for the Cathedral Reroofing Project.

SONGS OF HOPE & INSPIRATION: Come along and enjoy a musical evening with Des Willoughby, Louise Morrissey, Marc Roberts & Clodagh Lawlor – Cathedral of the Assumption, Friday October 2nd. Doors open 7.00 p.m. Concert starts 8.00 p.m. Ticket Donation: €35 – now available from Parish Office (0504 -22229); Bookworm (0504 22257) & Holycross Abbey Shop (0504-43124). All proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Fund.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €4,225.00 received.

COLLECTION FOR THE POPE (PETER'S PENCE): Next weekend, Sept 5th/6th. (White envelope 06-Sept-26). We appreciate your continued generosity.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: In honour of our Lady of Fatima, Bóthar na Naomh Church, Saturday September 5th, beginning with Rosary at 10.30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY/PRAY & PLAY: Resumes in Bóthar na Naomh Church on **Sunday Sept 6th @ 9:30 a.m. Mass.** It is open to primary school children from Junior infants - Second class. Please spread the word, all are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS – THURLES PARISH: To avoid disappointment please book Anniversary Masses in the Parish Office at least two weeks before required date.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE: To Holycross Abbey takes place on Sunday 30th August. Rosary at 1.30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 2.00 p.m., Anointing of the Sick at 2.40 p.m. and Mass at 3.00 p.m. with Celebrant, Fr. Celsus Tierney. All are welcome.

THE SOLEMN NOVENA AT HOLYCROSS ABBEY: Tuesday, 8th September to Wednesday, 16th September. **Daily Novena Session Times:** Monday – Saturday 7:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; **Sunday** 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (*Note: There is no 4:30 p.m. session on Sunday*). **Penitential Service:** Friday, 11th September at 7:30 p.m.; **Anointing of the Sick:** Saturday, 12th September at 2.00 p.m. & **Blessing of Infants:** Sunday 13th September at 2.30 p.m.

BOOKING OPENING FOR THURLES MUSICAL SOCIETY SHOW: Thurles Musical Society in association with AV Star Systems presents the spectacular, award-winning musical *Come From Away*, based around the events of 9/11- in the **Premier Hall on September 10th, 11th & 12th at 8.00 p.m.** Booking is now open at GR8Events and at Bookworm, Thurles. Don't miss your chance to see this amazing show.

AN EVENING WITH CEOLA: In Presentation Secondary School on **Saturday, September 19th @ 8.00 p.m.** in aid of SUIR HAVEN. Tickets, €20 - now on sale from Bookworm.

MARY'S SKM SPONSORED WALK: In aid of Meitheal 21 on Saturday, September 5th @10.00 a.m. starting at Meitheal 21, Abbey Road. Further information from Meitheal 21 @ 0879821047.

"INSIGHTS INTO DEMENTIA – INFORMING AND EMPOWERING FAMILY CARERS": Designed specifically for family carers and supporters. Venue: Anner Hotel, Dublin Road, Wednesdays, 2nd Sept. – 14th of Oct. (once a week for the duration of 7 weeks); Time: 7:00pm – 9:30 p.m. Some places still available. Contact us at familycarertraining@alzheimier.ie.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Freya Grace & Mason Noah Fogarty, The Glebe, Mill Road. *Austin Joseph O'Connor, Cluain Glas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Nathalie Jordan, John's Gate, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny formerly Thurles. Reposing at Ardeen Nursing Home Sunday from 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Funeral arriving to Bóthar na Naomh Church Monday at 10.30 a.m. for Mass at 11.00a.m. followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium at 3.00 p.m.. †John Joe Bourke, Farney Cottage, Ballycahill.

†Phil Jordan, Croke Street. †Anne O'Dwyer, Bronksville, New York, formerly The Heath.

†Mary Esmonde née Moore, Moynetemple, Moyne.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026: September 1 to October 4, 2026:

Theme this year is *"Living Water"* and the symbol is *"Immersion in Living Water"*. The Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1 – 12 which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility – recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

"The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God." *Laudato Si*