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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 Dec. 26th: Details of winner next week.

Next Draw: January 2nd, 2025.

If you wish to join the Parish Lotto by cash payment - One line = €40 for 20 weeks; 3 lines: €100 for 20 weeks and more options available. Please note a mobile number can only be used once, i.e. a separate mobile number for each new member. Alternatively, you can make a donation to the fund if you do not wish to join our Parish Lotto. **Because of your generosity we have surpassed our Christmas target - we now have 630 members in our "Raise the Roof" Lotto! Míle Buíochas.** Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising initiatives to help raise sufficient funds for the Cathedral Reroofing Project.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€4,641.00** received.

MASS TIMES:

Cathedral: 11.00 Daily Tuesday – Friday. Bóthar na Naomh Church: No Evening Mass Tuesday December 31st. Mass as usual from January 1st.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who supported our Christmas Clergy Collection. Fr. Jim and Fr. Vincent appreciate your continued generosity.

DECEMBER 2024: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card & package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2025 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan. 1st, 2025. If you do not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE: Re-opens Tuesday 31st December 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Usual Opening Hours from Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Phillip Michael Connell, Ard Mhuire. *Alice Yves O'Connell, Loughtagalla.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Thomas Meaney, Banba Terrace, Kickham Street. †Elizabeth (Josie) Gooney, née O'Brien, Childers Park. †Bernie Donnelly, née McLoughlin, Childers Park. †Stephen Lee, McDonagh Terrace, Littleton & his son, John, Killeely, Limerick formerly Littleton. †Joe McGann, Lincoln, formerly Lisheen Tce., Mitchel Street.

May They Rest In Peace.

A New Year is God's Gift

In the joyful moments – thank Him; in the busy moments – bless Him.

In the trying moments – trust Him; in the quiet moments – praise Him.

Roy Lessin

Parish of Thurles
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022	Variation
	€	€	%
Income			
Offertory collection	223,845	178,753	25.2%
Shrines/candles	60,935	59,422	2.5%
Charity tax refund	62,744	60,523	3.7%
Parish Centre	18,583	19,200	-3.2%
Bequests	8,446	4,177	102.2%
Other income (including donations etc.)	4,785	7,555	-36.7%
	<u>379,338</u>	<u>329,630</u>	15.1%
Expenditure			
Salaries	117,184	114,109	2.7%
Requisites, candles, cleaning	44,454	44,121	0.8%
Maintenance, repairs, decoration	65,019	42,905	51.5%
Non-recurring expenditure	5,880	22,461	-73.8%
Heating, lighting, phone, postage & stationery	99,641	79,722	25.0%
Parish insurance	22,365	20,668	8.2%
Other expenses	46,626	38,317	21.7%
	<u>401,170</u>	<u>362,303</u>	10.7%
Net Income/(Expenditure) for year	<u>-€21,832</u>	<u>-€32,673</u>	

Gross income increased by about 15% during 2023 to €379,338 (2022 €329,630).

The 2023 increase follows a similar increase during 2022 following the easing of Covid restrictions that had been in place during 2020 and 2021. Despite the recent years' increases in gross income, the Parish is still down about 14% on gross income from where it stood in the pre-Covid year of 2019

The continuing shortfall for 2023 of -€21,832 (2022 -€32,673) is mainly due to the ongoing high energy costs.

The net spend on maintenance, repairs, decoration between ongoing and non-recurring expenditure for 2023 was €70,899 (2022 €65,366).

The Collections for the support of Priests (active and retired) go directly to the Common Fund. Our Parish well reached its target for 2023 of €127,166 (2022 target was €127,166) reflecting the continued generous support of Parishioners. We had a significant shortfall on our target for the Diocesan Services Collection of €38,535 requiring €14,454 (2022 €8,824) to be made up from the surplus on Common Fund.

Funds raised for Parish Building Projects are accounted for separately and periodically reported.

We thank sincerely all Parishioners for their generous support in so many ways during the past year.

Rev. James Purcell

Rev. Vincent Stapleton

3rd December 2024

Accountants: Patrick C. Horan & Co