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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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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THURLES PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

As we celebrate this Christmas season once again, we open our hearts and homes in welcome to Jesus, Mary and Joseph and to all our loved ones near and far. In doing so, we think of those throughout our divided world without a home and in need of our prayerful support.

We acknowledge and thank the countless number of people who give of their time and efforts so generously in support of our Parish throughout the year. It is very much appreciated, and we ask our Father in Heaven, through the Holy Family to bless you all. Christmas, as we know is a time of heartache and pain for so many. We remember all our loved ones who have gone to their rest, especially those who will not share Christmas with their family this year. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this Christmas period.

May the blessings and hope of this Christmas be with you all and remain with you as look forward to 2025. Wishing you all a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€4,866.00** received.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE
Weekly Lotto Draw Results Dec. 19th Winning Numbers: 4; 7; 11; 12.

The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €150 to the weekly lucky winner – Maura Hennessy, Thurles.

Next Draw: Dec 26th, 2024. Jackpot: €3,525.00.

For the Christmas Season the weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for the next draw: Dec. 26th.

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. Have you considered giving a gift of the Parish Lotto to family & friends this Christmas? Alternatively, you can make a donation to the fund if you do not wish to join our Parish Lotto. Thank you so much to everyone who is supporting our fundraiser lotto. You are making a real difference, and we really appreciate your support.

TOTAL RAISED TO 4th DECEMBER 2024: €825,992.78

CHRISTMAS 2024:

CAROL SERVICE: Cathedral Sunday Dec. 22nd, 7.30 p.m. We continue this century old tradition started by St. Francis of Assisi, of expressing through carols, words and dance our joy at Christmas and the Birth of our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:

Cathedral of Assumption, Thurles: Tuesday, December 24th, 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: Christmas Eve – 5.00 p.m. Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. (Please note: **NO 7.00 p.m. on Christmas Day**).

CATHEDRAL: Christmas Eve: 7.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 8.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

PALLOTTINE CHAPEL: Christmas Eve: 8.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 10.00 a.m.

POLISH MASS: December 24th, Christmas Eve @ 9:30p.m. Presentation Convent Chapel. Polska Msza Pasterka odbedzie sie 24 Grudnia o godz 9:30 w kaplicy Siostr Presentation.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: December 21st & 22nd. This collection is for the support of priests, active and retired in the Archdiocese. This is the last Clergy Collection for 2024 and so a very big thanks to all who contributed to our collections during the year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Sincere thanks to all who so generously supported the Christmas Raffle. **€2035.00** received.

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS CARDS: Kindly made by two of our parishioners, Marina & Moireen, available in the Parish Centre. Donations only - Proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Fund.

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: Will be closed from Christmas Eve, Tuesday Dec. 23rd, 1.00 p.m. Re-opens Tuesday 31st December 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Usual Opening Hours from Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

ST. CRONAN'S ASSOCIATION: Extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported there recent Christmas Craft Fair.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Fionn & Iarlaith Coman, Clongour. *Béibhín Marie O'Sullivan, O'Donovan Rossa Street.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Aileen Leahy, née Cahill, Mitchel Street. †Jarmila Holubova, Stradavoher Court, formerly Slovakia. †Ann O'Shaughnessy, Ryan, née Shanahan, formerly Ard Mhuire. †Helen O'Brien, Noard, Two-Mile-Borris. †Tim Ryan, Letterkenny, Donegal. †Des Milburn, Holyhead, North Wales. †Mick Fogarty, Galway formerly, Leugh.

May They Rest In Peace.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.