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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. 5th Winning Numbers: 2; 8; 24; 25.

The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €150 to the weekly lucky winner – Mary O'Brien, Thurles.

Next Draw: Dec 12th, 2024. Jackpot: €2,875.00.

For the Christmas Season the weekly Lucky Dip has increased to €150 for the next three draws: Dec. 12th, 19th, 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 COST OF REROOFING PROJECT: €1,700,000.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR GALA CONCERT: Congratulations to the Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band and all involved in this beautiful performance of seasonal music and song in the Cathedral last Sunday evening.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets now on sale at the Parish Office. A great variety of prizes. All proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Ticket €2 each or 3 for €5.

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS CARDS: Kindly made by our parishioners, Marina & Moireen, available in the Parish Centre. Donations only -proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Fund. Thurles Parish Christmas Cards & Christmas Mass Bouquets also available.

DECEMBER 2024: Each household will receive the Parish Calendar, Christmas Card and a package of envelopes for all Church Collections 2025 including Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes which begin Jan.6th 2025. If you do not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office. **Envelope Distributors: We would greatly appreciate if you could collect your envelopes next week. Thank you!**

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €4.092.00 received.

THE CHOSEN: The mini-series on the life of Jesus, Season 3 continues in Lámh Chunta Hall next Monday night @ 7.45 p.m. See you there!!

FAMILY MASS & PRE-CONFIRMATION MASS: We invite all families and in particular this month all Young People preparing for Confirmation to our Family Mass, this Saturday December 7th at 7.00 p.m., Cathedral. Theme: "Prepare a way for the Lord" (Isaiah 40: 3-5).

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE. The Annual Carols by Candlelight Service will be held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church on **Sunday December 15th** at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

SCOIL AILBHE CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Tues. Dec. 10th & Wed. Dec. 11th, at 7p.m. in the School Hall. **Matinee Tues., Dec. 10th, 10.00 a.m.** Tickets available at the door.

WATCH & PRAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:

FOR WORLD PEACE & PRIESTHOOD in Bóthar na Naomh Church, (E41NF98), on **Saturday, Dec. 14th** commencing at 8.00 p.m., concluding with 9.30 a.m. Mass & Benediction on **Sunday Dec. 15th**. If you can commit to an hour, please contact Claire on 085 1532258 or Nora 086 3079281. All very welcome.

POLISH MASS: Next Sunday Dec. 15th @ 1.00 p.m., Presentation Convent Chapel.

12 CRIBS OF CHRISTMAS: Pobal Éile Youth Ministry Group invites you to join us on our crib tour - leaving Bohernanave Church on Sun. 15th Dec. @ 5.30 p.m. Open to teenagers from the parishes of Pobal Éile Parish Combination (Thurles, Moyne/Templetuohy, Moycarkey/Two-Mile-Borris/Littleton, & Gortnahoe/Glengoole). To secure a place: **Contact: 087 9804172**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Families or people who need help this Christmas can make a request by ringing St Vincent de Paul @ 061 317327 or email info.midwest@svp.ie Requests have to be in by **Dec 13th**. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL** takes place this weekend, **Dec. 7th & 8th**. Please drop donation envelopes to **SVP Centre, Parish Centre or either Church.**

CAROL SERVICE: Join the Ursuline Secondary School, Scoil Angela, St Angela's Academy of Music & Thurles Community Orchestra for a heartwarming Carol Service in the Cathedral, Tuesday Dec 17th at 7.00 p.m.

1ST ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR WILLIE HAYES, RIP: Sun. Dec. 8th, Holycross Abbey, 2.30 p.m., followed by the unveiling of a sculpture in his honour. Refreshments afterwards.

BALLYCAHILL CAROL SERVICE: Sunday 15th Dec. at 6.00 p.m.: Evening of seasonal carols and hymns in Ballycahill Church. Refreshments immediately afterwards.

STAFF OF THURLES LIBRARY: Annual 'Christmas Coffee Morning' Thursday Dec. 12th at 11am. Students from Scoil Angela will perform festive Christmas songs for us all.

ST CRONAN'S ASSOCIATION CLG ROSCREA: Christmas Craft Fair Wed. Dec. 11th, 12noon to 4pm. Beautiful crafts, gifts, crepes, hot chocolates and lots of treats available. Carol singing, children's corner, demonstrations and Santa will be making a visit! Raffle tickets also!

LOST: Car keys at Library approx. two weeks ago. If found, please contact Parish Office.

POBAL ÉILE PASTORAL AREA - CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Lady's & St. Kevin's Church, Littleton: Friday, December 13th @ 7.30 p.m.

SS Joseph & Brigid Church, Bóthar na Naomh: Tuesday, December 17th @ 6.00 p.m. and continuing after 7.00 p.m. Mass if required.

Sacred Heart Church, Templetuohy: Wednesday, December 18th, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Moyne: Wednesday, December 18th, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Gortnahoe: Thursday December 19th, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

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

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Odhran Daniel Kenneally, Ashgrove, Monadreen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Raymond (Ray) Shannon, Knockroe. †Catherine (Kitty) Boland, Leugh. †Margaret (Maggie) Doyle, Manchester formerly Beechwood Lawns. †Josephine Finnegan, Drumacoo, Kilcolgan, Galway.

May They Rest In Peace.

We congratulate Rev. Killian Heney, native of Knockavilla-Donaskeagh Parish on his Ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emlý, this Sunday. We wish Killian fulfilment, happiness and peace in his priesthood.

SEASON OF ADVENT

Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all people."

– St. Ambrose of Milan