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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 Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

**Winning Numbers: 5; 6; 10; 16.**

The jackpot was not won this week.

**Cash Prize of €50.00 to the weekly lucky winner.**

**Next Draw Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Jackpot €7,775.00.**

**To help us reach our target of €2.2 million for this building project new members are always required and welcome!**

**DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection last weekend. We appreciate your continued generosity.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,885.00** received.

**MEET THE SAINTS:** On four of the Mondays of Lent, at 7.45 p.m, in Lámh Chúnta, we will examine the lives of some well-known saints and some less well known. Beginning next Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> with a night on the martyrs of Cashe & Emly Diocese. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will take place in Bóthar na Naomh Church every Friday evening during Lent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

**FAMILY MASS:** We invite all families to join us for the Family Mass in the Cathedral next Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. Theme: *‘This is my Son, the Chosen One, Listen to Him.’* (Matthew 17: 5). Worksheets will be issued through the schools in preparation for the Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all the Young People who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral this weekend and to all their parents and teachers. A big *‘Thank You’* to all who helped make these ceremonies so meaningful and special – Teachers, Stewards, Musicians and Singers, Meg & Jim, Cathedral Flower Group, Parish Office Staff and all who prepared the Cathedral Grounds.

**FR. KILLIAN HENEY:** Newly ordained Fr. Killian Heney will celebrate Mass this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar at 9.30 a.m. in Bóthar na Naomh and 11.00 a.m. in the Cathedral with blessing afterwards. All are welcome.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets now available in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the **Cathedral Reroofing Project.** Variety of great prizes. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

**ST. BRIGID CROSSES:** €256.00 collected for Milford Hospice through the sale of St. Brigid's Crosses. Your support was greatly appreciated by the John Paul 2 Programme Students, Templemore.

**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN THEME 2025: “Injustice is not invincible”** (Laudato Si’, 74)

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** Available at back of both Churches.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Perhaps consider giving one Hour in Adoration to the Lord during Lent.

### **Cathedral of the Assumption Model**

For those of you that have seen it, you may be wondering how the Cathedral of the Assumption model situated in our beautiful cathedral for the past few months came to be.

Back around 2009/10, a flame was lit that ignited a spark which, little did I know at the time, would take so many years to complete. The basic structure was made back then, but as other influences took precedence, what was essentially a private pastime and hobby was put on the back burner for the intervening years.

The start of 2024 heralded a new dawn and with it a significant event in my family life that no one would dare wish for. Borne from that, my focus turned to reviving the model’s creation whilst seeking calm within a storm.

A little over nine months later, created with imagination, patience and time, my interpretation of our majestic Cathedral was completed. It is far from perfect, just as we and indeed our beautiful Cathedral are far from perfect.

Whether predestined or not, I’ll never know, but its completion and presence in our Cathedral coincides with the upcoming launch of a major reroofing fundraising initiative by our hardworking Cathedral Fund Raising Committee. This is an essential fundraiser for our parish, neighbouring parish communities and parishes of the archdiocese, so that our Cathedral will have its new roof by the time of its 150-year anniversary in 2029.

For now, thank you for all your support and positive comments to date, they are very much appreciated.

Signed: *Joe Bracken.*

**THURLES & DISTRICT FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB:** Next meeting, Tue. Mar 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8p.m. Order of Malta Hall. Garden Talk by Fergal Fitzpatrick. Non- members welcome. Admission €10.

**THURLES LIBRARY:** Philip Quinn’s new sculpture exhibition, *‘All Ground is Holy’* on display in The Source Library Gallery and will run until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March during library opening hours.

**THE MOYNE DRAMA GROUP:** Production of It’s the Real McCoy Show two encore performances on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, tickets available for €15 at the door. Proceeds to Thurles Town Parks, Suir Haven, Cameo Care, and Moyne Community Hall. For bookings, text 0894511170.

**OPEN NIGHT:** Thurles College of Further Education, (Coláiste Eile), Railway Road, Thurles on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Seamus Mackey, Gleann Rí, Holycross. †Maura Armstrong née Shanahan, Gurtahoola, Drombane. †Johanna (Hannie) Noonan, née Barry, Clonpet, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary. Carmel Kilcoyne, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. †Mary Dunne, Reading, U.K., formerly Birr, Co Offaly. †Sr. Juliana Purcell, Presentation Convent, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

**May They Rest In Peace**

### **ORMOND OCTAVES WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: MUSIC GENERATION:**

A memorable night of song and music is in store when the **Ormond Octaves** choir perform in the Cathedral on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** The choir of over 80 members has thrilled audiences in packed churches and halls all over North Tipperary since it was founded by Musical Director Niamh Ryan in 2008. Don’t be surprised if the powerful voices of the 80-member choir literally raise the Cathedral roof (and we do need a new roof!!!) The mingled sounds of the four-voice ensemble of men and women are a pure joy to behold. All proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets (€25 Donation) available in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 -22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257) and Holycross Parish Centre (0504 43124).

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR:** We thank most sincerely Thurles Cathedral Choir for their very generous donation of **€5,663.00** following their Gala Concert last December in aid of the Cathedral ‘Raise the Roof Fund. *Mile Buíochas!*