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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Bóthar na Naomh: Saturday 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.
Cathedral: Saturday 7.30 p.m.;
Sunday 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon.

Pallottine College Chapel: Sunday & Weekday Masses @ 10.00 a.m.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:
Weekdays: 11.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.; **Sundays:** 1.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS: Cathedral this Sunday at 7.00 p.m. We gather at Our Lady's Altar.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN:

Thursday August 15th – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:

MASS TIMES: Cathedral: Wednesday 7.30 p.m.; Thursday: 8.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. **Bóthar na Naomh:** Wednesday 6.30 p.m.; Thursday: 10.00 a.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH TOWER WINDOW REPAIRS:

Due to the necessary replacement of the Tower Window Bóthar na Naomh Church will be closed from **Monday, August 19th until Thursday August 22nd** incl. Morning Mass will resume on **Friday, August 23rd**. The following works will be undertaken during that week: Erect scaffolding behind altar in main church; erect scaffolding at main entrance door; erect scaffolding to main roof at tower level to accommodate fitting of new double glazed window on tower and finally seal & repair leak on roof at main tower. Unfortunately, there will be no 10.00 a.m. Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church during these days. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

VANDALISM OF THE ARCHBISHOP LEAHY MONUMENT: While investigations continue into the vandalism of the Archbishop Leahy Statue in the Cathedral yard, we have temporarily covered the monument until such time as we are able to restore it to its former glory. Again, we continue to appeal for any relevant information on the damage caused. If you can help, please contact Thurles Garda Station @ 0504 25100 immediately.

AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Amount collected: **€9,330.00**. **Target: €146,433.00**. **Amount received to date: €98,784.83**.

CARE OF THE SICK: If you have a family member ill at home or in hospital and would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office at the above numbers.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: Sunday Sept. 1st, Holycross Abbey. Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. with Rosary, followed by Stations of the Cross, Anointing of the Sick and concluding with Concelebrated Mass at 4.00 p.m.

TEMPLETUOHY CEMETERY MASS: Thursday August 15th, 7.00 p.m.

KNOCK NOVENA: Wednesday August 14th – Thursday August 22nd 3.00p.m. & 8.00p.m. daily. Daily Seminars @ 12.00 noon in St. John's Rest and Care Centre. Anointing of the sick @ 2.30p.m. daily in Knock Basilica. Visit: www.knockshrine.ie.

CASHEL & EMLY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG 2019: Sept. 3rd & 4th. For details contact Fr. Martin Murphy @ 086 8577838 or Fr. Joe Tynan @ 087 2225445.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 3rd & 4th 2019:
Cathedral: €2,612.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,875.00.

NEW BOILER APPEAL:

Our Cathedral is presently heated using an oil-fired boiler connected to a radiator system. The present boiler has developed a terminal fault and so we are replacing it with a new, more efficient oil boiler. Before deciding to go ahead with this replacement, we commenced investigations into alternative heating systems with a view toward our responsibilities towards reducing CO2 emissions. We believe that we can make use of Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) technology to greatly reduce our use of oil and in preparation for this, when we replace the oil boiler, we will make provision for connection of a heat pump system to the distribution header. For such a large building, fitted as it is with a heating system designed to operate at 70C+, it may not be feasible for an ASHP system to cater for 100% of our heating needs. From time to time the higher temperature oil boiler may be needed in very cold weather and so it was deemed appropriate to proceed with the replacement of the oil boiler. Further work is required to finalise a system design and to arrange for an adequate electrical supply and location for the AHSP system. In addition to these heating system considerations, when we replace the roof of the cathedral, we plan to insulate it to a very high standard which will reduce the amount of heat energy required to keep the building comfortable for its occupants and to maintain the building fabric. **The new boiler and its installation will cost approximately €55,000 and it is expected that the work will commence next week. We take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for their continued support and generosity. As this is an unforeseen but necessary expense, we invite anyone who would like to donate towards this cost to please do so through the Parish Centre or by using one of the envelopes available on the assigned donation boxes in both churches.**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MEMORY CAFÉ, THURLES: Next Memory Café on **Wednesday August 14th**, 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. All are welcome.

THURLES LIONS CLUB PICNIC CONCERT: Starring Derek Ryan & Ryan Morgan (Tenor) in grounds of MIC St. Patrick's College Campus Saturday August 10th @ 8.30p.m. Bring your own picnic. Tickets €20.00 from Arch Bar & Ryan's Daughter Café.

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW: Hosted by Thurles Lions Club takes place on Sunday August 11th in the grounds of MIC St. Patrick's College Campus, 12 noon – 5.00 p.m. Admission €5 – Children Free.

BENEFIT NIGHT: In aid of Jim Corcoran, Holycross & Littleton in the Dome on Saturday August 17th at 8.00 p.m. Live music and D.J. Tickets €20 from Holycross Parish Office.

CLUB FOR DANCING: This Sunday, August 11th, 8.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. Music: "Blue Lace".

AN EVENING WITH 'THE PRIESTS':

Come and enjoy an evening of Music and Song with the Musical Trio from Northern Ireland in the **Cathedral of the Assumption on Friday September 27th**. Ticket Sales are going very well at the **Parish Centre, Cathedral Street, (0504 22229)** and **Bookworm, Liberty Square, (0504 22257)**. This is one of our fund-raising events for the reroofing of the Cathedral. Tickets: €35.00. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Concert starts at 8.00 p.m.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Josephine Saunders, St. Enda's Terrace, Bohernanave. †Eileen Cahill, Ard Mhuire. †Mary Donnelly, née Fogarty, Nodstown, Boherlahan. †Nicky Cooney, Borrisoleigh. †Richard Morris, Loughmore. †John Tuohy, Galbertstown, Holycross. †Patrick (Paddy) Forrest, Freemount, Cork.

May They All Rest in Peace.

"Today I choose to live with gratitude for the love that fills my heart, the peace that rests within my spirit and the voice of hope that says all things are possible." (Anonymous)