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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS (PETER'S PENCE): will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (White Envelope: 1-Sep-19). Target for Thurles **€3,853.50**. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH TOWER WINDOW REPAIRS: Thanks to all for your understanding during the necessary repairs works last week.

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.

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.

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

THE SOLEMN NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Holycross Abbey – Sunday September 8th – Monday September 16th.

Weekdays: 7.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 4.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m.

Sundays: 7.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m.

Extra Sessions: Friday Sept. 13th - Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 14th - Anointing of the Sick at 2.00 p.m. **Sunday Sept. 15th** -

Blessing of Infants at 2.30 p.m. Confessions will take place throughout the weekdays.

FAMILY OF MARY RETREAT: Deebert House Hotel, Killmallock, Sept. 20th – 22nd. Led by Fr. Maximilian, Fr. Patrick Cahill & Fr. Niall O'Riordan and Sisters from the Family of Mary, Rome. Info: Claire @ 0851532258 or Nodlaig @ 087 6527033.

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.

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 the work has commenced. 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. €7,795.00 has been received to date – thanks to all for their huge generosity.**

CONGRATULATIONS: To Liam Sheedy and all involved with and on the Tipperary Team in winning the All Ireland Hurling Final and bringing the Liam McCarthy Cup home to the Premier County and the Cathedral town. – **Tiobhraid Arainn Abu!**

CLUB FOR DANCING: Premier Ballroom this Sunday August 25th, 8.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. Adm.: €9.00. Music by "Pat Costelloe".

SOCIAL DANCING LESSONS: Commence in The Premier Ballroom on Tuesday Sept. 3rd at 8.20 p.m. €25 for the six weeks course. Over 18's.

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND: Legends Hurling Clash between Tipperary and Limerick, Saturday Sept. 7th, Nenagh Éire Óg Grounds at 5.00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite – Adults €15; Children Free. All proceeds to Alzheimer Society of Ireland. For more information log on to www.alzheimer.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 17th & 18th 2019:

Cathedral: €2,585.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €2,095.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Tessa Rose Gleeson, Bohernamona Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John O'Dwyer, Two-Mile-Borris and Loughmore, formerly Killahara, Dovea. Funeral Mass in Loughmore Church this Sunday at 11.00 a.m. †Bridie Dunphy, Dun Laoire, Co. Dublin. Funeral Mass Monday, August 26th at 11.30 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoire. †Elizabeth (Teasy) O'Connor, Innisfallen Avenue. †Jeremiah Healy, Slievenamon Road. †Mary O'Donnell, née McDonnell, Marion Road, Templemore. †Tim Hirst, England.

May They All Rest in Peace.