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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. Please note there will be **NO DEVOTIONS** in the Cathedral on **Sunday Sept. 8th & Sept. 15th** due to Holy Cross Novena.

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

THE SEASON OF CREATION is celebrated throughout the Christian world from Sept 1st, the Feast of Creation, to October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Prayer cards available at the back of both Churches.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, September 6th. Usual Communion Calls. Usual daily Masses in both Churches with evening Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church @ 6.30p.m. (Preceded by Sacred Heart Confraternity Prayers @ 6.15p.m.)

VANDALISM OF THE ARCHBISHOP LEAHY MONUMENT: 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. We continue to appeal for any relevant information on the damage caused. If you can help, please contact Thurles Garda Station @ 0504 25100.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: Sunday Sept. 1st, Holycross Abbey commencing at 2.30 p.m. with Rosary, and concluding with Mass at 4.00 p.m.

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. & 9.30p.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. €13,050.00 has been received to date – thanks to all for your huge generosity.**

WEEKEND RETREAT MOUNT ST JOSEPH ROSCREA: "The Importance of Authentic Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary" 6/7/ 8th Sept. **Contact: (0505) 25600.**

SUIR HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: Next Bereavement Support Meeting on Tuesday September 3rd, 11.00 a.m. to 12 midday. Newcomers are always welcome.

SOCIAL DANCING LESSONS: Premier Ballroom Tues. Sept. 3rd, 8.20 p.m. €25 for six weeks course. Foxtrot, Waltz, Quickstep & Novelty. Over 18's.

CEILÉ AND SET CLUB: Ceilé Sunday Sept. 1st in the Band Hall at 8.00 p.m.

MORNING BRIDGE CLUB: Resumes in the Anner Hotel next Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 10.30 a.m. New members welcome.

MO CHARA CAKE SALE: Cathedral St., Sept. 1st after 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon Masses.

SPECIAL BINGO: Premier Hall Wed. Sept. 4th @ 8.30p.m. €3000.00 prize money!

COLÁISTE ÉILE: Information Technology Level 4- Word Processing and Internet Skills, commencing September 2019. For information call: Bernie 0504-21166.

I.C.A. MEETING: Wednesday Sept. 4th, 8.00 p.m., Band Hall, Stradavoher.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS: PARISH CENTRE:

Tues. Sept. 3rd, 8.30 p.m.: Parents' Baptism Meeting.

Thurs. Sept. 5th, 7.30 p.m.: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Kayden-Lee John Walsh, St. Mary's Ave., Kickham Street.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Josephine Keane, Innisfallen Avenue. †Sr. Ria Josephine Moloney, S.N.N., St. Joseph's Convent, Old Road, Rush, Co. Dublin formerly Liberty Square.

May They All Rest in Peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 24th & 25th 2019:

Cathedral: €2,667.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,748.00.