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THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Having received instruction from the Irish Bishops conference and discussed it at length – in order to safeguard our parishioners and the society at large and wishing to comply with the demands of the instruction, will now implement the following decisions (to be revisited after 29th March).

Weekend Masses (Saturday evening/Sunday) are cancelled (Please note: our Bishops have dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time). Saturday confessions, Sunday devotions and Eucharistic adoration are also temporarily cancelled.

Weekday Masses will also be discontinued for this period.

Mass without a congregation will be offered by our priests for the good of all our parishioners. A streaming service on-line has been set up to enable people to participate spiritually in the offering of the Mass from the safety of their homes. A live stream of Mass each morning @ 11.00a.m. is available via www.thurlesparish.ie. We will also begin live-streaming Sunday Evening Prayer @ 7.00p.m. from this Sunday March 22nd. We also hope to maintain our daily radio transmission at 11.00a.m. Please tune in to local radio and our website page for updates.

Funerals, weddings and baptisms are permitted with restricted numbers in consultation with those concerned.

Churches will remain open as usual to facilitate personal prayer.

These measures are taken in the interest of the health and safety of all our parishioners and the people of the wider Thurles area. We thank you for your co-operation, support and prayer at this difficult time.

Heavenly Father, be our refuge and watch over us.

Send into our hearts the Spirit of your Son;

*The Spirit of faith and love, of peace and trust,
the Spirit of mutual care and concern.*

Lord Jesus protect us and those we love in body, mind and soul.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

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LENTEN COMMUNION REFLECTIONS: Available at the back of both Churches during Lent.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Available at the back of both churches.

PARISH OFFICE: During the Coronavirus COVID 19 the Parish Office will be open for **restricted hours:** Monday – Friday 10.00a.m. – 1.30p.m. **Closed for afternoons** but available at 0504 22229 if you have any queries during office hours. (All until further notice).

NEW BOILER APPEAL: The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€310.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€54,199.10**. **Míle Buíochas!**

EASTER RAFFLE: Prizes on view and tickets on sale in the Parish Centre. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing project. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5)

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: Many thanks for your Weekly Envelope Offertory Contributions - €335.00 received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches: We appreciate your continued generosity during this challenging time for everyone.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING: - In light of public health authority advice to curtail the gathering of groups arising from Covid-19 (the Coronavirus) you are invited to reflect upon the Gospels of Sundays of Lent **online** by visiting our diocesan website www.cashel-emly.ie to access Lenten Resources 2020 under Pastoral Resources. This is an opportunity to meet God in the scriptures in accord with the themes of **Hearing** (*in listening to God's Word*), **Happening** (*see how it touches our lives*) **Hoping** (*and inspires our faith*). “As we gather in our “upper rooms” may Mary be with us to guide us in understanding and wisdom, and may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit in all our efforts to discern the plans for our diocese.” (Lenten Pastoral 2020, Archbishop Kieran). All are welcome.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.-8.00p.m., by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

For those of you who are joining us on www.thurlesparish.ie for daily Mass, you may like to have a copy of the prayer of Spiritual Communion as printed below:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Keegan Daniel O'Halloran Clarke, College Green.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Michael (Mikey) Moore, Rosemount, formerly New Hill, Two Mile Borris. †Patrick (Paddy) Dwyer, 'Cill Cluain', Slievenamon Road. †Catherine (Kitty) Dunne, née Gavin, Romford, England, formerly Killough, Thurles. †Christy McLoughney, Shannon, Co. Clare.

May they Rest in Peace.