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**THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

In order to safeguard our parishioners and the society at large during this time of the Covid 19 Corona Virus pandemic the following regulations have been implemented: **WEEKEND MASSES & WEEKDAY MASSES ARE cancelled** (Please note: our Bishops have dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time).

**CONFESSIONS:** The normal schedule of Confessions in our churches has ceased for the time being.

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:** Will not be celebrated until further notice.

**VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** First Friday house visits and other pastoral house visits have ceased except in the case of emergency.

**FUNERALS:** Due to the number of people now permitted to gather, numbers for funerals must be kept to an absolute minimum.

**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 – available on [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) If you have difficulty in accessing the live stream on our website please search Google for **twitch** and then search: **thurles parish live** - this link will bring you directly to the live stream.

**We intend to maintain our daily radio transmission at 11.00a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website for updates.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES LIVE STREAM 2020:**

**Holy Week Ceremonies available on live stream @ [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie):**

**PALM SUNDAY: MASS: 11.00 a.m.**

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: 7.00 p.m.**

We invite you to cut a piece of palm and if you are joining us on either live stream or on the radio we will offer a blessing of Palm as an alternative to what we normally do.

***The Blessed Palms:** As we place this palm in a special place in our home, may it be a reminder, Jesus, of your great unconditional love for each of us. May it be a source of protection for us all the year through*

**HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7.00 p.m.**

**PRAYER IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE – 9.00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY: THE LORD'S PASSION – 3.00 p.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7.00 p.m.**

**HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL – 7.00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY: 11.00 a.m.**

**R.T.E.** will be broadcasting Holy Week Ceremonies.

**FAITHCAST** is a mixture of interviews, news and stories of faith from the Catholic Church in Ireland. The podcasts will be available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

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.*

**PARISH OFFICE:** During the Coronavirus COVID 19 the Parish Office will now be closed. Staff are working on the premises for normal opening hours, **Monday – Friday, 10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.** Please phone Parish Office @ 0504 -22229 or Parish Office Mobile @ 085 8819575 if you have any queries or requests and we will do our best to facilitate you. (All until further notice).  
**HOLY WEEK: Staff will not be in the Parish Office from 1.30 p.m. April 9<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday and will return to work on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND** an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free - Listen via TV on **Saorview** - Channel 210 and **Freeview** - Channel 826; Download our **FREE APP** - “**RADIO MARIA IRELAND**”, streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via **PHONE** – get live radio feed by telephoning +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges).

**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, give advice and reassurance where necessary. The Support line is **0818 222 024** and open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.-8.00p.m.

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION: EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Is scheduled to take place next weekend. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests are paid. Jim, Joe and Vincent say ‘*thank you*’ for your continued support on behalf of all the Priests of the Archdiocese. **During these difficult times we understand if you cannot contribute towards the Clergy Collection. Target: €146,433.00.** Amount received to date: **€51,980.83.** (Clergy Collection Envelope -12-Apr-20).

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** You may wish to return your Trócaire Box – to do so please contact the Parish Office (0504 22229).

**NEW BOILER APPEAL:** The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000.** Through your generosity **€170.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€54,674.10. Míle Buíochas!**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** If you had intended to buy tickets and didn't yet have the opportunity please phone the Parish Centre up to Wednesday next, April 8<sup>th</sup>. **Draw will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday, in the Parish Centre.** Winners will be notified by phone. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing project. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5) We greatly appreciate your support.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** Many thanks for your Weekly Envelope Offertory Contributions - €180.00 received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches. We appreciate your continued generosity during this challenging time.

*God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.*

*Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.*

*May the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, with Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, guide us through this time of peril, preserve us in peace, protect the vulnerable, health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mark Tobin, Killinan. †Sr. Mary Paul Quigley, Presentation Convent, Thurles. †Michael Hennessy, Ballineen, Co. Cork.

**Rest in Peace.**