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**THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL -Covid 19**

**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.

**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.

**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 at 11.00 a.m. daily – available on [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) or Google **twitch** and then search: **thurles parish live** - this link will bring you directly to the live stream.

**Radio transmission also at 11.00a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website for updates.

**LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION**

**'DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME': Prayer Space for First Holy Communion Children and their families next Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.**

**DAILY MASS: 11.00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS: 7.00 p.m.**

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.*

**PARISH OFFICE:** During the Coronavirus COVID 19 the Parish Office Staff will work behind closed doors. Please phone Parish Office @ 0504 - 22229 or Parish Office Mobile @ 085 8819575 if you have any queries or requests, e.g. you may wish to book an intention for the daily Mass that is lived streamed. (All until further notice).

**ACCORD: COVID-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line.** If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships Counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life contact **01 5313331** – 9.00a.m. – 8.00p.m. Mon. – Fri. All calls charged at local rate.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** In this trying time for everyone, we are very grateful for your Weekly Envelope Contributions - **€1,920.00** received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance (e.g. heat and light for the streaming of our daily Mass) of our Churches. We appreciate your bigheartedness when you have so many demands on you and your families. Many thanks.

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Clergy Collection. Amount received: **€15,835.00**. We have received several enquiries regarding paying the Collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – this can be done by setting up a Standing Order or by Credit Transfer– if interested please contact the Parish Office for further details. We greatly appreciate your generosity, but we understand during these difficult times, if you are unable to contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

**TRÓCAIRE:** A big thanks to all our parishioners who supported the Trócaire campaign this year. Thurles Parish has collected **€11,987.00** to date – **Míle Buíochas!**

## A message from Thurles Parish Pastoral Council

### Community Spirit alive and active:

As our current lockdown continues, with a slow return to a sort of normal in the coming months the members of Thurles PPC wish to share with you some observations we have had on our new reality and to ask you to share some thoughts of your own.

“Social Distancing” is a phrase that has suddenly entered our lives with all its’ connotations and limitations. It has changed every aspect of our lives, but it seems to us to be a misleading term to be using in these days. We have found that instead of social distancing our communities have come to life in a whole new, and reinvigorated way. People are finding new ways to reach out to loved ones, to neighbours they may not have connected with before, to frontline workers, to those living alone, to all sorts of people near and far away. We see everyday acts of kindness and of community that we may not have seen in quite some time. As we have been asked to slow down, stay at home and make our worlds smaller, it has given us time to reengage with aspects of our lives that we may have neglected in our normally busy schedules. Our world has changed in a different way.

While we all pray for an end to this pandemic and the suffering and anxiety it brings to so many, let us also pray that the lessons of community and neighbourliness it has brought will also stay with us. Let us dare to hope that the new normal may be kinder, and a little slower than the old normal. To finish, perhaps the term we should be using is “Physical distancing”, as socially we need to come closer together than ever before.

**We would love to hear your thoughts on what wisdom you are acquiring from living through this current pandemic. Please write down a sentence or two on your reflections and email them to the Parish Office at [parishcentre@thurlesparish.ie](mailto:parishcentre@thurlesparish.ie) or put them through the letterbox of the Parish Centre.**

**Wishing you health and happiness,**

Thurles Parish Pastoral Council.

*‘It is in giving that we receive’.* St. Francis of Assisi

### **TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL COVID RESPONSE CONTACT NO: 0761 065000**

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE** have 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, **0818 222 024**, is open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.- 8.00p.m. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND:** Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free - Listen via TV on [Saorview](http://Saorview) - Channel 210 and [Freeview](http://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 apply). Please join our growing faith family!

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Rev. Fr. Willie Hennessy, P.P., Knocklong & Glenbrohane, Co. Limerick. †Sara Ryan, née Ryan, Coolbawn, Drombane. †Mrs. Breda Cornell, née McCarthy, Watford, England, formerly Kickham Street. †Patrick Flynn, New Jersey, formerly Glasnevin, Dublin.

**May they Rest in Peace.**

*O Mary, You are my Mother and my hope. Keep us safe beneath your cloak,  
Amen.*

*A Mhuire, is tú mo mháthair is mo dhóchas. Tabhair dúinn foscadh faoi do chlócadh.*