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**Thurles PPC Notice on the reopening of our Churches for the Celebration of Mass:**  
As you are aware the Government has brought forward many aspects of Roadmap Covid for reopening society and business. This is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and includes the reopening of our places of worship. We have been looking forward to this news with great anticipation. While we all wish to reopen our churches for the celebration of Mass as soon as possible, the Government announcement on June 25<sup>th</sup> implies we await a more specific protocol which will ensure the health and well-being of everyone entering our churches.

Initially we will be reopening the Cathedral for Mass where we will have a limited schedule of Masses. In due course we will reopen Bóthar na Naomh Church for Mass.

To this end the Parish Pastoral Council is working with the sacristans and volunteers to prepare our churches to be safe and well-ordered places for people to return to Mass with confidence in the near future. We ask for your patience while we work on this process. When we have finalised our reopening plan for the Cathedral, we will update you further. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

As Archbishop Kieran paraphrased at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Friday June 26 in the Cathedral, from Psalm 126 *“We shall come back rejoicing, carrying the sheaves of our hearts back into the Church, back into the Community”*.

**BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will resume from the first weekend in July. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.**

**CONFESSIONS: We hope Confessions will resume in the Cathedral on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE** is available to enable people to participate spiritually in the offering of the Mass from the safety of their homes at 11.00 a.m. daily – on [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) or Google **twitch** → **thurles parish live** - this link will bring you directly to the live stream. **Radio transmission also at 11.00 a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website for updates. 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.*

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.

**LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION**

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

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

**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. **The Parish Office will re-open to the public on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**ARCHBISHOP LEAHY STATUE:** As we commence the process of restoring the statue of Archbishop Leahy in the yard of the Cathedral of the Assumption, we are requesting any photographs you may have of the statue, which could help us with the redesign. For example – you may have your First Communion, Confirmation or Wedding picture taken in front of the statue and this could be very helpful to us. We would greatly appreciate if these photographs could be presented to the Parish Centre for scanning as soon as possible.

**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.

**TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL COVID RESPONSE CONTACT NO: [0761 065000](tel:0761065000).**

**ASCEND DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE, NORTH TIPPERARY:** If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic Abuse, help is available. Please call 0505 23999 or 087 950 1299 (Mon- Fri 9am - 5pm).

**CELTIC BROTHERS CONCERT, (previously known as ‘The Willoughby Brothers’), due to take place in the Cathedral September 25<sup>th</sup> next has now been deferred until further notice.**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** In this trying time for everyone, we are very grateful for your Weekly Envelope Contributions - **€1,710.00** 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Wasal Hrebtiewsky, Whispering Pines, Manselstown, Moyné. †Gerard Cleary, Croke Street. †Jim Corcoran, 'Ramada House', Ballyvoneen. †Breda English, née Loughnane, Enniscorthy, formerly Butler Avenue.

**May they rest in Peace.**