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

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,240.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE:** National support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. by calling **0818 222 024**.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS:** A series of six weekly scripture reflections is being offered online with Sr Therese Fitzgerald (Sister of Sion) on the Book of Isaiah. Title: **'Experiencing God's Word - allowing Isaiah's perspective to inform our lives.'** This series is brought to you by the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies in partnership with the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emyl. To register and for enquiries email: [bibleincashelandemly@gmail.com](mailto:bibleincashelandemly@gmail.com)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Maurice Harnett, Monadreen. †Colette Scanlon, née Crowe, Kennedy Park. †John McDonagh, Demesne, Carraroe, Co. Galway. †Sr. Imelda Stakelum, St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy Navan, Co. Meath, formerly Holycross.

*May They Rest in Peace.*

**NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**PLEASE NOTE EVENING MASS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, (All Souls Day) will be live streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church. All Masses are transmitted on local radio.**

**MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** will be offered at the weekday and weekend Masses throughout the month of November. November Envelopes are available at back of both Churches and in the Parish Office. Completed Lists can be placed in the Boxes provided in either Church or the Parish Centre. You can also contact the Parish Office if you wish to have the names of your loved ones included in the November Masses.

**NOVEMBER PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE: On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3.00 p.m.** the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'. This Service will be live streamed from the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. this Sunday. Please note Cathedral will close at 2.30 p.m. and re-open for personal prayer at 3.30 p.m. approximately.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Live-Streamed** from the **Cathedral, Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.** We will remember all who have lost a loved one and all who have died in the past year.

**ANNUAL NOVEMBER MASSES: An invitation to clubs, groups & organisations who previously had an Annual November Mass for their deceased members – with the current restrictions you are very welcome to arrange this Mass to be celebrated and live streamed from either of our Churches. Contact Parish Office.**

**MEMORIAL LIGHTS:** Available in the Parish Centre for those who wish to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

**In line with current Covid-19 Restrictions** we are unable to have our annual **Parish Cemetery Sunday** as we have done in previous years.

**LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION**  
**CATHEDRAL: DAILY MASSES (incl. weekends): 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.**

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: Sundays 9.00 a.m.**

**FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) or Google twitch → thurles parish live. Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio link.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...**

As we have moved into Level 5 Thurles Parish Pastoral Council acknowledge and give thanks to everyone involved in the opening and running of our churches in the last number of months. It has been an immensely difficult time for all of us and having our churches open for daily mass has been a privilege that has brought great comfort to many people. We might not have realised how precious this freedom was until it was taken away from us, so being able to celebrate Mass together, as a community, over the past number of months has been uplifting and a real source of joy.

The reopening of our churches could not have happened without the time and dedication of so many wonderful volunteers who made themselves available to ensure our churches were safe, welcoming spaces for all to return. The many Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word and our ever-attentive Sacristans made it possible for Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Communion and Confirmations to go on in a safe and dignified manner. The Baptismal Team who found new and innovative ways to prepare parents for Baptism, and the schools and teachers who prepared their students for Communion and Confirmation all allowed Parish life to continue in very altered circumstances. Never before has community involvement been so necessary in allowing the daily life of the Parish to continue, and thankfully volunteers were not hard to find in Thurles. It is wonderful to know that when the need is there, we have an army of volunteers waiting to step forward. Your work is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we now find ourselves again celebrating Mass behind closed doors. We of course wish that this were not the case, but we also recognise the danger that this virus continues to pose. We must continue our efforts against Covid-19 for as long as it poses a health risk. Thankfully, our churches remain open for private prayer and we thank our sacristans for keeping our churches clean and sanitised throughout the day. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who are doing their bit to stop the spread of this awful virus. Thank you for your patience and your perseverance. Please God our prayers will be answered, and life can return to normal soon.

- **The Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church will remain open for private prayer. The Cathedral will open between 11.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.**  
**Bóthar na Naomh Church will open from 9.00 am – 2.00 p.m.**
- **Masses will be celebrated daily (Monday – Sunday) in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Bóthar na Naomh Church at 9.00 a.m. every Sunday. All Masses are live streamed from our parish website. Masses can be heard through the local Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Radio links.**
- **Planned Baptisms are deferred until a suitable date can be arranged later.**
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place during this time of restriction.**
- **Funeral Masses may be celebrated with 25 mourners present.**
- **Weddings may be celebrated with up to 25 guests.**
- **Parish Office open from Monday -Friday, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Closed for lunch 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.**
- **Visits to Cemeteries are allowed under Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions.**