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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

On behalf of Thurles Parish Pastoral Council, and in line with the recent government announcement to move the entire country into level 3 of the National Framework for living with Covid-19, it was necessary, beginning Wednesday 07/10/2020 to once again move the celebration of mass on-line only.

- **The Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church will remain open for private prayer. The Cathedral will open between 11.30 and 5pm. Bóthar na Naomh Church will open from 9am – 2pm.**
- **Planned Baptisms for the coming days and weeks are to be deferred until a suitable date can be arranged later.**
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place during this time of restriction.**
- **Funerals 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.**

Once again, we are being called upon to act in a way that is supportive of our communities and of those who are in need. We are particularly mindful of the bereaved at this time, as we truly acknowledge how difficult these restrictions are. Please know that we carry you in our thoughts and prayers.

We are truly grateful to the sacristans, the stewards, the Eucharistic and Liturgical ministers, the cantors, and all involved in having maintained the smooth running and maintenance of the churches when reopened. The co-operation of all the public coming through the doors ensured a safe environment for all, whilst also ensuring a sacred and reflective space.

As a community there have been some lovely lasting memories created through the celebrations of the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion recently. We extend our warmest congratulations to the children and their families.

Regrettably, we are now returning to more uncertain times, and facing restrictions and closures, all of which require a sense of community commitment and togetherness. It is our hope that through the church and on-line ceremonies, that people can remain connected with each other as a community and have a felt sense of support and warmth.

‘Let there be an opening into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos, where you find the peace you did not think possible and see what shimmers within the storm.’ – John O’ Donohue.

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 or Google twitch → thurles parish live. Radio transmission also at 11.00 a.m.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th: Pope Francis in his World Mission Sunday message says, “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah, ‘*Here am I, send me.*’ (Isaiah 6 – 8). The celebration of World Mission Day is an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church.” Our parish collection for the Missions takes place next **Sunday, October 18th.**

OCTOBER CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks so all who contributed to this Collection. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all the priests are paid. Jim, Joe & Vincent say ‘*thank you*’ for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,264.00** received. **There are no Collection Bags during these times of Covid Restriction. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Congratulations to the children from Leugh N.S., Rahealty N.S. and Gaelscoil Bhríde who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last week.

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

1) Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade.**

2). On Sunday October 11th the **Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland** will take place at 2.30 p.m. in various locations to pray the Rosary safely together. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location. **Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines.**

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE manage 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 seven days a week, 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. by calling 0818 222 024.

HSE MID WEST COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE: Help is at hand for your Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health during Covid-19. For access to full brochure on Mental Health Services visit www.healthpromotion.ie

SUSTAINABILITY AND WELL-BEING: Starting soon in Thurles. A gentle return to education exploring sustainability and well-being. Learn about your impact on the planet in a relaxed atmosphere and earn a QQI qualification. Classroom learning and field trips involved – free of charge. Enquiries to Mary Jo on 067 31845 or 087 3518221. Organised by the Tipperary Education and Training Board.

CHIME - THE NATIONAL CHARITY FOR DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS: We know people are missing our monthly outreach clinics – if you require tubing, batteries or support please contact our Community Resource Officer, Sarah @ 086 0653042.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Olivia Rose Dwan, Farranreigh, Bohernamona. *Molly Bridget Purcell, Kilrush. *Mary John Quinn, Sean Treacy Avenue.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Alice Gleeson, Ard Mhuire. †Joan Taylor, née Cullagh, Ballyerk, Templetuohy. †Tommy Maher, Cormackstown. †John Lanigan Ryan, Derrymore, Ballycahill. †Michael Johnston, Portmarnock, Dublin & Thurles. †Margaret Spittle, Thurles & Luton.

May They Rest in Peace.