

PARISH CENTRE: 22229/22779; CATHEDRAL PRESBYTERY: 22505;
BÓTHAR NA NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.
PARISH CENTRE MOBILE NUMBER: 085 8819575
WEBSITE: www.thurlesparish.ie email: parishcentre@thurlesparish.ie

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.**
- **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 Mass are live-streamed from www.thurlesparish.ie Masses can be heard through the local Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Radio links.**
- **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.**
- **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.**

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. Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio link.

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 – THIS 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 this **Sunday, October 18th** (White Envelope: 18-Oct-20)

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,662.00 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 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

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Charlie O’Loughlin, Bawntameena, Racecourse Road.
†Kitty Lonergan, née Purcell, Lacka, Doon, formerly St. Ita’s Terrace, Bohernanave.

May They Rest in Peace.

