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#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued patience and co-operation within these on-going Covid restrictions. As these uncertain times continue, and Covid numbers are tentatively increasing, it is vital that we all stay committed to providing a safe environment for all to flourish in faith within our churches.

**The Cathedral of the Assumption is open for private prayer each day from 11.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There are two daily masses at 11am and 7pm, including Sunday, with a maximum capacity of 150 people (50 in each section). All Cathedral Masses are live-streamed.**

**Bothar na Naomh Church is open daily for private prayer from 9.00 a.m. until 2pm and every Sunday for Mass at 9am, with a maximum capacity of 70 people (35 in each section). The 9.00 a.m. Mass is also live streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church. The Radio Link from Bóthar na Naomh Church is now activated.** We would like to remind the congregation to continue to **sit on the X**, as these are clearly marked for social distancing. It is ok for families to sit alongside each other in the pews. Adherence to social distancing guidelines is paramount, as are hand hygiene measures. **We appeal to everybody to avoid movement between zones before, during and after services.**

The use of face coverings is now mandatory for indoor settings however we understand that some people are exempted from this regulation. Vulnerable members of our community may have a preference to continue viewing Mass on-line, as dispensation from the Sunday and Holyday obligation is extended for the foreseeable future. It is hoped that each person will consider attending a maximum of one mass per week to dispel the possibility of larger crowds attending any given mass, particularly at the weekend. **Just a reminder that if our churches are at full capacity Mass can be heard on the speakers set up in both Church yards.**

#### 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. 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.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office for information.

**CONFESSIONS:** Cathedral next Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.

**PALLOTTINE COLLEGE CHAPEL:** Mass at 10.00 a.m. daily. Maximum capacity: 36.

**OCTOBER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Is scheduled to take place this weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October 2020. 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 - €2,708.00 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 DATES 2020

Congratulations to the children from C.B.S. Scoil Ailbhe, Presentation and Ursuline Primary Schools who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The children from Leugh N.S., Rahealty N.S. and Gaelscoil Bhríde will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday:**

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 a.m.: Leugh N.S. & Rahealty N.S.**

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon: Gaelscoil Bhríde.**

**Due to Covid-19 Guidelines for First Communion Ceremonies only the child and the Parents/Guardians may attend.**

#### DAY FOR LIFE – THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2020:

*'The gift of a new child entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life... For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity'. (Pope Francis – Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love)*

**Day for Life** is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. **Theme: "Choose Life"**. 'Pope Francis Pastoral Message – Day-for-Life-Pastoral-2020 available on the Cashel & Emlý Diocesan website.

#### 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 Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30 p.m. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.

3). On Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary Doran, née O'Connell, Garranroe. †Maura Corcoran, Bohavarron. †Margaret St. John, Clongour. †Kitty Delaney, Dundrum. †Zofia Rataj, Poland. †Paul Cahill, Swords, Co. Dublin formerly Kickham Street.

**May They Rest in Peace.**



*Help us to choose love and not fear,  
to change ourselves and not the planet,  
to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable,  
and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow.  
We make this prayer in your name, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit. Amen.*