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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. We are most grateful to our sacristans in particular, who carry out their extended roles with such care and consideration for everybody entering the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church. The presence of stewards and ministers at all masses is so essential to the safety and wellbeing of the congregation, and we are very appreciative to all of you volunteering in these roles. We ask the congregation for your co-operation in facilitating the duties of the stewards and Eucharistic ministers in a respectful manner, in the interest of safety for everybody.

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. The 9.00 a.m. Mass is also live-streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church.

We apologise that the Radio Link from Bóthar na Naomh Church has been delayed but will be available soon.

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. There are three Zones in the Cathedral, facilitating 50 people in each Zone. There are two Zones in Bóthar na Naomh Church allowing 35 people in each Zone. **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.

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.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for information.

PARISH OFFICE: Monday – Friday, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m., lunch 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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

ASCEND DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE, NORTH TIPPERARY: If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic Abuse - 0505 23999 or 087 950 1299 (Mon- Fri 9am - 5pm).
ALONE COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: 0818 222 024, is open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.- 8.00p.m. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

TIPPERARY CO. COUNCIL COVID RESPONSE CONTACT NO: 0761 065000.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. If you would like contribute to this collection you can place your envelope in the Donation Boxes in either church.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €3,615.00 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.**

ON-LINE DONATIONS: An online donate feature for parishes is now available for use on the Diocesan and on our Parish Website @ www.thurlesparish.ie We hope this new method of giving will offer Thurles parishioners an accessible means to donate to our parish either on a one-off or regular basis, if required. This facility allows for a Covid-19-friendly option for parishioners to contribute online at a time convenient to them.

ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA HOLYCROSS- September 8th – 16th 2020:

Sessions are broadcast online on www.churchservices.tv/holycrossabbey at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. daily and on Tipperary Mid-West Radio at 7.30 p.m. daily. Traditionally people have written their petitions to be prayed during the Novena - this year for the Annual Novena and weekly Friday Novena petitions can be submitted online (anonymously) on the website, holycrossballycahill.com under Novena Petitions. If you wish to receive a copy of the Novena prayers to join in at home, visit holycrossballycahill.com/novena or call the office @ 0504 43124.

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE: Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home please phone Fiona at 086 876 0058.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2020

The Children from our Parish Schools will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Cathedral of the Assumption on the following dates:

Saturday October 3 rd , 10.00 a.m.:	C.B.S. Scoil Ailbhe.
Saturday October 3 rd , 12.30 p.m.:	Presentation Primary.
Saturday October 3 rd , 2.30 p.m.:	Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary.
Saturday October 10 th , 10.00 a.m.:	Leugh N.S. & Rahealty N.S.
Saturday October 10 th , 12 noon:	Gaelscoil Bhríde.

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

NEWLY BAPTISED: * Rían Denis Kearns, Middleton, Co. Cork.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Biddy Condon, Butler Avenue. †Peggy Butler, Florida & Innisfallen Avenue. †Michéal Cullagh, Cranagh, Templetuohy. †Eamonn (Ned) O'Flanagan, Durrow, Co. Laois. †Gabriel McSharry, Rosses Point, Sligo.

May They Rest in Peace.



Creator God, we ask for the grace to hear 'the cry of the earth' and in so doing to care for creation. Jesus, friend of the earth, nourish our efforts to bring reconciliation to the earth. Be with us in this mission of rekindling the bonds between you, human beings and all that exists.