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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:** No Confessions next Saturday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> due to First Holy Communion.

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

**OCTOBER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Will take place next 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 - €2,187.00 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.**

#### CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP MARTIN HAYES, KILMORE DIOCESE



On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and the people of Thurles parish, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Martin Hayes who on Sunday last, **September 20<sup>th</sup>** was consecrated as Bishop of Kilmore Diocese in the Cathedral of St. Patrick & St. Felim, Cavan. We congratulate his family on this great occasion and acknowledge the great honour it is for them, Moycarkey, Littleton & Two-Mile-Borris Parish, Thurles Parish and Cashel & Emly Archdiocese. Fr. Martin, a native of New Hill, Two-Mile-Borris, served for many years in Thurles, initially in Bóthar Na Naomh, and later as Parish Administrator. We extend all our best wishes to Martin as he steps into a new chapter of his life and there will always be a welcome here for you in Thurles, and hopefully in a Covid-free future,

the parish will celebrate with you in person.

*"I pray that we may relax in the reality of God's love for each one of us and allow that love to guide us in all our actions."* Address by Bishop Martin Hayes, Kilmore Diocese on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### 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 <sup>rd</sup> , 10.00 a.m.:	C.B.S. Scoil Ailbhe.
Saturday October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 12.30 p.m.:	Presentation Primary.
Saturday October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2.30 p.m.:	Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary.
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.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Richard Ryan (Bishop), Mount George, Borrisoleigh formerly Kennedy Park. †Kathleen (Kitty) Crowe, née Leamy, Ballyvoneen, Holycross. †Brigid Parker, née Crowe, Borroway, formerly England & Cappawhite. †Mary Littleton, née Hyland, Lisava, Cahir. †Nora O'Connor, née Harney, Tyone, Nenagh. †Marie Harvey, née Doyle, Carrick on Suir & Rosegreen.

***May They Rest in Peace.***

*Spirit of Life* bless all of creation, and within it each and every creature. Give us an awareness of your outpouring of love in all things, and a willingness to be changed by this love.

