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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. We apologise that the Live-Stream Coverage & Radio Link from Bóthar na Naomh Church have been hindered because of technical difficulties.**

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 is 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

We congratulate the Young People who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. A warm-hearted *thank you* to the teachers, parents, priests, Archbishop Kieran and all volunteers. The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. Finally, thanks to all for your commitment, as we continue to move forward in very uncertain times. Let us be reminded that commitment means staying loyal to what we said we were going to do, long after the mood we said it in has left!

### 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.

**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:** This Collection is scheduled to take place this weekend, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. (White Envelope: 06-Sept-20). We appreciate your continued generosity, but we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€2,630.00** 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](http://www.thurlesparish.ie). We hope that 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2020:**

This year the Solemn Novena will be held behind closed doors for the protection of all. Sessions will be broadcast online on [www.churchservices.tv/holycrossabbey](http://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**. The **Session for the Sick** will be broadcast online and on Tip Mid-West Radio on **Saturday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m.**

**Traditionally people have written their petitions to be prayed during the Novena - this year for the Annual Novena and the weekly Friday Novena petitions can be submitted online (anonymously) on the website, [holycrossballycahill.com](http://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](http://holycrossballycahill.com/novena) or call the office @ 0504 43124.**

**VIRTUAL MEMORY CAFE:** If you or someone you know have concerns about memory – come and talk to us in a safe and supportive environment – we will chat to you online. The **Virtual Memory Café** takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Contact **086 8381818** or email [upaine@gmail.com](mailto:upaine@gmail.com) for further detail.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Hailey Kate Maher, The Heath. \*Ollie Donal Moore, Marlstone Manor. \*Jack Francis Butler, Horse & Jockey.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Biddy Nevin, McDonagh Terrace, Mitchell Street. †Patrick (Pat) Fitzgerald, Boheravaroon. †Rev. Fr. John McGrath, A.P. Cashel & Rosegreen, Cashel, formerly Moycarkey. †Paddy Kiely, Ikerrin Court, formerly Moyne. †Pat Hayes, Killenaule. †Lil Cleary, Toomevara. †Sheila Lynam, née Dunphy, Blackrock, Dublin.

**May They Rest in Peace.**



During the Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. (Season of Creation 2020 Prayer)

