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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

As we are within Level 5 restrictions we now find ourselves again celebrating Mass behind closed doors. We of course wish that this were not the case, but we also recognise the danger that this virus continues to pose. We must continue our efforts against Covid-19 for as long as it poses a health risk. Thankfully, our churches remain open for private prayer and we thank our sacristans for keeping our churches clean and sanitised throughout the day. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who are doing their bit to stop the spread of this awful virus. Thank you for your patience and your perseverance. Please God our prayers will be answered, and life can return to normal soon.

- The Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church will remain open for private prayer. The Cathedral will open between 11.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church will open from 9.00 am – 2.00 p.m.
- 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 Masses are live streamed from our parish website. Masses can be heard through the local Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Radio links.
- Planned Baptisms are 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.

- Visits to Cemeteries are allowed under Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions.

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.

Mondays in November 7.00 p.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.

- **PARISH NEWSLETTER:** The Parish Newsletter can be accessed on the parish website, www.thurlesparish.ie on the Home Page, under the heading 'Newsletter'.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily on the main altar in the Cathedral from Monday – Sunday incl. 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.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.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,670.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets on sale in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Restoration of Bishop Leahy Statue. Variety of prizes. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS: Due to the Corina Virus we are unable to hold our annual meeting for Envelope Distributors to collect the December package which is delivered to all the homes before Christmas. We would very much appreciate if our Distributors could call to the Parish Centre from the first week in December to collect the envelopes for their area. If you have not helped with this project before and have some free time we would be delighted to have more volunteers.

VINCENT DE PAUL: If you need help this Christmas, please contact Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Thurles at 086 8437786 or write to Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Parnell St, Thurles by December 1st.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE: National support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. by calling **0818 222 024**.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

PLEASE NOTE: The Monday evening Masses (7.00 p.m.) for the Month of November will be live streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church. All Masses are transmitted on local radio.

MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS will be offered at the weekday and weekend Masses throughout the month of November. November Envelopes are available at back of both Churches and in the Parish Office. Completed Lists can be placed in the Boxes provided in either Church or the Parish Centre. You can also contact the Parish Office if you wish to have the names of your loved ones included in the November Masses.

ANNUAL NOVEMBER MASSES: An invitation to clubs, groups & organisations who previously had an Annual November Mass for their deceased members – with the current restrictions you are very welcome to arrange this Mass to be celebrated and live streamed from either of our Churches. Contact Parish Office.

MEMORIAL LIGHTS: Available in the Parish Centre for those who wish to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

In line with current Covid-19 Restrictions we are unable to have our annual Parish Cemetery Sunday as we have done in previous years.

NOVEMBER REFLECTION.....

All through life's day, you walk with us Lord.

But we often don't recognise you, for we are blinded by work and worry,
doubt, confusion and fear, and so you remain a stranger to us.

Before the day's end we will ask many questions,
experience many sorrows and disappointments,
and then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged or old,
we will find that night is falling.

In that moment we pray,
that like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
our eyes will be opened and that we will recognise you.

And you will not vanish from our sight,
but stay with us to guide us to our Father's house.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Nancy O'Dwyer, née Woodlock, Leigh, Two-Mile-Borris, formerly Bohernanave. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Brian Fitzgibbon, The Heath. †Bill Rourke, Monadreen. †Christina (Ina) Ryan, née McDonnell, 'Iona', Rahealty. †Oyega Ozolina, Templetuohy & Latvia. †Helen (Nell) Hayes, née Gooney, Aughnagamaun, Horse & Jockey. †Johnny Hayes, The Village, Holycross. †John Kennedy, Pearl River, New York.

May They Rest in Peace.