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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.

We expect to have changes next week – we will keep you updated on developments with regard to Government Covid-19 restrictions.

- 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 - **€2,130.00** 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: The Christmas package containing a Parish Book Mark and Box of Envelopes are now ready to be collected by the Distributors at the Parish Centre. If you have not helped with this project before and have some free time we would be delighted to have more volunteers. The **Thurles Parish 2021 Calendar** is available at the Parish Centre as it is not part of Christmas package this year due to Covid-19.

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.**

JESSE TREE: The Jesse Tree dates back to the middle ages and came from Europe. The "tree" is usually a branch or sapling and is decorated with various symbols that remind us of the purpose and promises of God from Creation to the Birth of Jesus Christ. As we prepare for Christmas, we decorate the Jesse Tree. We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour during our Advent Masses.

ADVENT REFLECTION...

God of light and hope,
look upon us in love
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world
and who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen



RECENTLY DECEASED: †Phil Ryan (Raymond), Kavanagh Place, formerly Stouke, Rossmore. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Pa O'Dwyer, Moyne Road. †Ann Butler, Childers Park & Borrisoleigh. †Michael Sutton, Willowmere Drive. †Michael McPhillips, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh.

May They Rest in Peace.