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#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly welcome the return of the congregation to the parish churches since December 1st. It is important to remind ourselves that this reopening of the Churches is with Level 3 restrictions in place. The Government has allowed for special concession for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services at Level 3, in light of the upcoming Christmas period, to be reviewed in January.

- **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. with the maximum capacity of 150 people (50 people in each section. Mass will be celebrated in Bóthar na Naomh Church at 9.00 a.m. every Sunday with the maximum capacity of 70 people (35 people in each section.) All Masses are live streamed from our parish website. Masses can be heard through the local Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Radio links.**
- **Obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended. We encourage you to attend any one Mass during the week.**
- **Baptisms permitted with the minimum number present.**
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place during this time of restriction. A 'Contrition Ceremony' will take place before Christmas. More details to follow.**
- **Funeral Masses may be celebrated with 25 mourners present.**
- **Weddings may be celebrated with up to 25 guests.**
- **Wearing of face masks is required. (Due to medical conditions some people may not be able to comply with this request.)**
- **Please sit on the X, as these are clearly marked for social distancing. It is acceptable for each household to sit together.**
- **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.**
- **The Parish Newsletter can be accessed on the parish website. [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) on the Home Page, under the heading 'Newsletter'.**

#### LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION

**CATHEDRAL: DAILY MASSES (incl. Weekends & Holy Days): 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.**

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: Sundays 9.00 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 9.00 a.m.**

**FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE: [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)**

**Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio link.**

Thank you to all for your continued patience, understanding and co-operation as we continue to operate within these restrictions, and yet look forward with hope to 2021. A warm gratitude is extended to all of those involved in the on-going preparations for masses, and ensuring the smooth, least disruptive approach is taken.

**ADVENT FAMILY MASS:** Next Saturday @ 7.00pm (live-streamed from [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)) The theme is '*Waiting in joyful hope.*' We pray to God asking him to help us prepare well for Christmas. On the night we will be decorating a Christmas Tree and a decoration sheet will be distributed to the schools during the week. We are asking the children to return their decoration to the designated box at the back of the Cathedral before Friday evening so that we can decorate our tree. We hope you can join us on the night.

**JESSE TREE:** We will reflect upon the promise of a Saviour during our Advent Masses.

**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 - €1,869.00 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/ 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. 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.

**PARISH YOUTH CHOIR:** Returns to rehearsal - via Zoom! Members are asked to collect forms from the Parish Centre and to return them asap. Info: Deirdre at 087-9804172.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to donate to St. Vincent De Paul, Thurles at [www.svp.ie/StJospehsThurlesAppeal](http://www.svp.ie/StJospehsThurlesAppeal) You can also donate at Thurles Parish Centre, both Churches and St. Vincent De Paul Centre.

**CARING IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Do you know a Nurse or retired Nurse who would be willing to help in a Nursing Home within our Parish Community? Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

**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**.

**FOUND:** Sum of money recently in Loughtagalla/St.Patrick's Cemetery area. Further information contact Parish Office.



**'It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus open the doors of hope'.**

(Pope Benedict XVI)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Breda Ryan, Kilrush House. †Margaret (Mags) Mockler, née Kavanagh, Ballyerk, Two-Mile-Borris & Greystones, Wicklow. †Conor Walsh, Luton, England, formerly Toberadora, Boherlahan. †Nora Gleeson, née Bishop, Dublin, formerly Grantstown, Tipperary.

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