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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

- From December 26th, St. Stephen's Day religious services will be online only – Cathedral daily (Monday – Sunday) in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. and Bóthar na Naomh Church every Sunday at 9.00 a.m. Churches will remain open for private prayer.
- Confessions will not take place until further notice.
- Weddings: With effect from 3rd January 2021, up to 6 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony.
- Funerals: With effect from 24th December 2020 up to 10 mourners can attend.
- Baptisms: Postponed until further notice.
- From 27th December 2020 we must stay within our county unless we need to leave for essential purposes which include:
 1. To attend a wedding or a funeral;
 2. To visit a grave.
- Wearing of face masks is required. (Due to medical conditions some people may not be able to comply with this request.)
- The Parish Newsletter can be accessed on the parish website under the Heading 'Newsletter' on the home page.

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE VISIT: www.thurlesparish.ie
All Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each day on the main altar in the Cathedral, **Monday – Sunday incl., after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 5.00 p.m.**

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€11,148.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

PARISH CRIBS: Please visit our Cribs – Cathedral: Before the Altar and in the Cathedral yard; Bóthar na Naomh Church: Before the Altar and in the car park (window of Lámh Chúnta). If you wish to donate to the Cribs please do so at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this Collection. Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese.

VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: First Friday house visits and other pastoral house visits have ceased except in the case of emergency.

SCOIL ANGELA: Have launched a fundraiser to build an Outdoor Classroom in honour of the late Sr. Xavier. We have created a photo archive of school life dating back to 1956. Each donation received will be responded to with access to the archive. Please visit our GoFundMe page. [gf.me/u/zcugis](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zcugis). Donations will also be gratefully received in the school in January.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our collection, for their generosity this Christmas. In these very difficult times we greatly appreciate your donations.

THURLES ROTARY SUIR HAVEN /HOSPICE TREE: The Christmas tree is located in the Cathedral yard as usual this year but instead of the cards in the shopping centre we have opened *Idonate* Page to allow people who normally support Hospice at Christmas to continue doing so. Go to www.idonate.ie and put Thurles Rotary into SEARCH and the page will come up. Thurles Rotary and Hospice are grateful for your continued support.

CABRAGH WETLANDS TRAD CD: On sale - contact Kathleen Flanagan @ 087-4166188 or Michael @ 087-7962177. All proceeds to Cabragh Wetlands.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Fr Joseph Dooley, Bathurst Diocese, Australia, formerly Thurles. †Philip O'Neill, England.

May They Rest in Peace

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021

Loving God, we come to you in need.....

Grant us the peace Jesus promised to his disciples and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. We remember those who are isolated and feel lonely, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Whisper your words of comfort to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Bless with eternal life those we love and miss. Draw close to those who are sick and strengthen all caregivers. Support them as they offer compassion and selfless courage in their care of others.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope.

God of stillness and silence, we trust you are near, *for your name is Emmanuel, which means God is with us.* (Matthew 1: 23) Amen.

(Thurles Parish Book Mark December 2020)

*In the midst of uncertainty may the Child Jesus bestow
on you and your family peace and hope throughout 2021.*