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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Baptism Blessing

May loving hands of welcome caress and bless you.

May your hands be generous in blessing our world.

May God the Father be your rock of trust.

May the warm heart of Jesus Christ
enkindle your heart with love and kindness.

May the sparkling water of God's Spirit
refresh and enlighten you with golden ripples of wonder.

May the flowers and green leaves of everyday life
give you joy to balance affliction.

Liam Hickey

COVID-19 LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS:

- 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: Up to 6 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony.
- Funerals: Up to 10 mourners can attend the Funeral Mass.
- Baptisms: Postponed until further notice.
- 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.)

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE VISIT: www.thurlesparish.ie

All Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio

PARISH NEWSLETTER: May be accessed on the parish website under the Heading 'Newsletter' on the home page.

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 - **€1,220.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection** are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

PARISH CRIBS: Please visit our Crib – 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 Crib please do so at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY COLLECTION: Through your marvellous generosity we have reached our target again this year! **The surplus from 2020 of €30, 428.00 will go forward to meet 2021 Clergy Collection target.** 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.

CATHEDRAL FLOWERS ARRANGERS: Volunteers needed to assist with arranging the flowers in the Cathedral. If you have a little spare time and would like to become involved please contact contact Bertranda @ 0504 23394 or 087 9384408.

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. Donations will also be gratefully received in the school in January.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Elsie McAuliffe, Kennedy Park. †Breda Corbett, Willowmere Drive. †Terry Dwyer, née Toohey, Rathmanna. †Vincent Roche, Dundrum, Dublin, formerly Thurles. †Brian Clarke, Chelmsford, Essex.

May They Rest in Peace

A Prayer in these challenging times.....

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and wellbeing.

We hold in tenderness and prayer
the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbours,
standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: May love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern

and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways
to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,

You, the God who does not abandon.

Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM