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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

Monday January 18th – Monday January 25th 2021.

Abiding in Christ.....

God of life, you have created every human being in your image and likeness.
We sing your praise for the gift of many cultures, expressions of faith, traditions and ethnicities.

Grant us the courage always to stand against injustice and hatred based on race, class, gender, religion and fear of those not like ourselves.

Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

O Jesus you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity.
You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways.
May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, life and goods with all those in need. Amen.

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.**
- **Travel: We must stay within a radius of 5km 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 coverings is expected when visiting the Cathedral or Bóthar na Naomh Church. (It is understood that for medical reasons 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 - **€1,409.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

PARISH CRIBS: Parish Cribs will be taken down this week. Please visit our Cribs – Cathedral: Before the Altar and Bóthar na Naomh Church: Before the Altar and in the car park (window of Lámh Chúnta).

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 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](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zcugis). Donations will also be gratefully received in the school in January.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Patrick (Patsy) Ryan (Bishop), St. Columba Terrace, Bohernanave. Funeral Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday at 11.00 a.m. followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Ann Foley, Killinan, formerly Templeberry & Stradavoher, Thurles. †Antoinette (Toni) McGrath, Willowmere Drive. †Ann Commings, née Ryan, Blackcastle Farm, Two-Mile-Borris. †Philomena (Phyl) Traynor, née Brolan, Blackrock, Dublin formerly Thurles. †Dick Johnson, Drumcondra, Dublin, formerly Cathedral Street.

May They Rest in Peace

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;

not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
not by making your life always pleasant,

but by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

(Author Unknown)