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**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. People not attending the Funeral Mass are asked to avoid congregating immediately outside the church building or around the hearse. For the sake of the great majority trying to keep to the public health guidelines, we ask people, difficult as it is, not to approach the bereaved in the church grounds or cemetery to sympathize.
- 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](http://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.

**FEBRUARY CLERGY COLLECTION:** Will take place next weekend, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all the priests are paid. Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,140.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

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

The Parish Pastoral Council wish to acknowledge the immense contribution of Kathleen Sheedy, Turtulla, R.I.P. on her dedicated, generous and always willing involvement and service as a Flower Arranger/Designer for many years in the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church. *Kathleen, may your kind spirit be rewarded with the gift of eternal life.*

**FEAST OF CANDLEMAS: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** Candles will be blessed during each Mass. As we now use a variety of candles in both churches you may wish to give a donation towards the purchase of candles.

**WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** We give thanks for all consecrated religious within our parish community who bless people with a presence of 'kindly light', joyful, gospel service and who hold the world and the Church in prayer.

**ST. BLAISE: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Blessing of Throats will not take place this year.

**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.

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Support line: 0818 222 024, open every day, 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.



**FEAST OF ST. BRIGID: MONDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>:**

The name Brigid means 'the exalted one'. She is known as Mary of the Gael. One significant virtue about Brigid which outshone all others was her generosity. When it came to serving the poor, she said, 'If I had the power to give away the whole of Leinster, I would willingly give it to God's poor.'

*Evening Mass on Monday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> will be live streamed from S.S. Joseph & Brigid, Church, Bóthar na Naomh at 7.00 p.m.*

**PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID**

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious.

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †James Kenehan, Larkfield, Brittas Road. †Kathleen Sheedy, née Egan, Turtulla. †Theresa Barry, née O'Sullivan, 'Glenflesk', Monadreen. †Mary Corbett, 'Banquet Hill', 36 Moyne Road. †Josephine (Josie) Jordan, née Corbett, 4 Connolly Terrace. †Patrick O'Connor, Cullohill, Borrisoleigh. †Betty Treacy, London, formerly Dublin. †Paud Ó Flaherty, Riverview Estate, Glasheen, Cork. †Teresa Collard, née Ryan (Bishop) and her husband Bob Collard, Sussex, England.

*May They Rest in Peace*