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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:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. 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 - €1,876.00 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.

**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.

**LENT 2021: ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> - Due to Level 5 Restrictions Distribution of Ashes cannot take place this year. Envelopes containing Blessed Ashes will be available in both Churches and in the Parish Centre. **Evening Mass will be live-streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church this evening.**

**TROCAIRE:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Information is available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box – **available at the back of both Churches**
2. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
3. By phone: **1850 408 408**

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**GLENSTAL ABBEY:** Lenten Talks will be live-streamed at 2.00 p.m. every Saturday during Lent from [www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam](http://www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam) click 'Talks'. This series of Lenten Talks commence next Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m. with "Repent and Believe in the Good News" (Mark 1:12 -15) by Luke MacNamara, OSB.

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** With Level 5 Restrictions still in place the agreed Confirmation Dates (March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2021) now need to be deferred. When the Covid-19 Restrictions ease we will re-arrange new dates.

**GIANNA CARE:** Unplanned Pregnancy? There is always more support than you realise. **24 Hour Helpline & Live Chat: 1800 1111 41 [www.GiannaCare.ie](http://www.GiannaCare.ie)**

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

Valentine's Day, 14 February is a day which is much celebrated in the commercial sense. It is important for us, as a faith community to bring the good news message of love, support, care and friendship to bear on this celebration. In the parish context we celebrate it under the title: '*Celebrating the Gift of Love and Loving in Our Lives*'.....

God of Love, we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of love and loving in our lives.

**We commit ourselves this day to each other, to our friends and to all who share life with us.**

**We ask your help that we will always be awake to the needs of each other, needs both spoken and unspoken.**

**May our love and friendship lead us to fullness of life and to you.**

**We ask your divine protection from the strong tides of daily difficulties.**

**Shield us from selfishness and the temptation to be too busy to contact each other in these difficult times.**

**We thank you for all who have enriched our lives in the past and we pray that we will be a support to each other and true to each other always. Amen.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Eileen Moloney, née Walsh, Abbey Road. †Mary Shanahan, née Butler, Pallashill, Drombane. †Catherine O'Meara, née O'Driscoll, Castlepark, Two-Mile-Borris. †Mary Ryan (Hanna) née Brett, Church House, Holycross. †Joan McCarthy, née Keohane, Fermoy. †Sr. Maria Ryan, Holy Family Convent, Naas Road, Newbridge, formerly Upperchurch. †Jane Kennedy, Churchtown, Dublin. †Peggy Power, Dungarvan. †Dan Olden, Bishopstown, Cork.

***May They Rest in Peace***