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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
We apologise for loss of Live Stream coverage recently. Our supplier is currently trying to resolve this problem. In the meantime if you have difficulty accessing Thurles Parish Live Stream please go directly to this link: <https://www.twitch.tv/thurlesparishlive>

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 - **€2,700.00** 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.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets on sale in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the **Restoration of Bishop Leahy Statue.** Variety of great prizes. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

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

LENT 2021:

TRÓCAIRE: 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 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
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.

LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY Live-streamed Talks continue – next Saturday, February 27th @ 2.00 p.m. with Columba McCann, OSB: "This is my Son the Beloved, Listen to Him" (Mark 9:2-10) Benedictine Listening.

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

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION....

The desert waits,
ready for those who come,
who come obedient to the Spirit's leading;
or who are driven,
because they will not come any other way.
The desert always waits,
ready to let us know who we are –
the place of self-discovery.
And whilst we fear, and rightly,
the loneliness and emptiness and harshness,
we forget the angels,
whom we cannot see for our blindness,
but who come when God decides that we need their help;
when we are ready for what they can give us.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Fr. John O'Brien, Pallottine Fathers, England & Fermoy, former Rector of Pallottine Community, Thurles. †Sr. Rita Ryan, Mercy Convent, Templemore, formerly Drom. †John O'Connor, Hinningdon, Middlesex, formerly Tipperary. †Des Mulhare, Stradbally, Co. Kildare. †Helena Dando, née Shannon, Camberley, Surrey, formerly Ennistymon, Co. Clare. †Tim O'Donnell, England formerly 32 Derheen.

May They Rest in Peace