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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: Resume from next weekend March 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. Baptisms will take place at the following times: Cathedral Saturdays @ 6.00 p.m.; Sundays after 11.00 a.m. Mass. Bóthar na Naomh Church Sundays after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Maximum of 6 people (incl. parents) allowed. Contact Parish Office for booking and further details.
- 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.

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Closed for lunch 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily 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 - €2,616.00 received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**FAMILY MASS:** Live-streamed from the Cathedral this Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 p.m. Theme: *Finding Light within the Darkness.*

**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 Hamper prizes! (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

**DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION (formerly Diocesan Needs Appeal)** – Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. We appreciate your continued generosity during these challenging times.

**HOLY WATER:** If you need Holy Water please bring your container, filled with water to the Parish Centre for blessing.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Due to the current Covid-19 Restrictions First Confessions will take place in each school – dates to be arranged shortly.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** You are invited to join us for Mass on [churchcamlive.ie/cashel](http://churchcamlive.ie/cashel) on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. After Mass we pray the Rosary and include the Prayers of the Catholic Grandparents Association. If you would like to include an intention in this Mass, please send it to [cashelparish@gmail.com](mailto:cashelparish@gmail.com). The theme of each Mass is to keep prayer at the heart of family life and to pass on the faith to the next generations.

**TRÓCAIRE:** 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. Please continue your support this Lent. Information is available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made:

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

**LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY** Live-streamed Talks next Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 p.m. with Mark Patrick Hederman, OSB: "If the Wheat Grain Dies, it Yields a Rich Harvest" (John 12: 20 - 33) Benedict and the Paschal Mystery. All talks live-streamed from [www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam](http://www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam).

**DAFFODIL DAY MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>:** To support Daffodil Day this year please click: <http://www.justgiving.com/daffodi-day-thurles> Thank you!

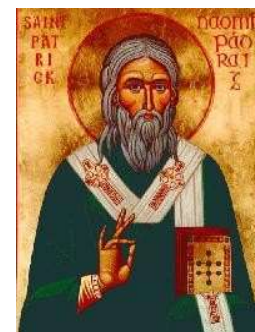
**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Support line: 0818 222 024, open every day, 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Next Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Mass as Gaelige will be live-streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church at 9.00 a.m. and from the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m.**

**ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER....**

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all! Amen.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †John McNally, Leugh, formerly Longford Town, Longford. †Michael Gleeson, Moyne Road. †Joseph (Joe) Troy, St. Brigid's, Lognafulla. †Philip (Phil) O'Dwyer, Willowmere Drive, formerly Coolahulla. †Michael Leahy, Ballycurrane. †Matt Galvin, England, formerly Galbertstown, Holycross. †Denis Walsh, Cahir Road, Cashel & Rathcoole, Fethard. †Jack (Jackie) Glasheen, Beakstown, Holycross. †Edward (Neddy) Moriarty, Cooleeny, Moyne. †Ann St. John, née O'Brien, Mullauns, Dublin Road, formerly Ballybeg, Littleton. †Maura O'Callaghan, Portlaoise formerly Thurles.

*May They Rest in Peace*

