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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 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.

**PALM SUNDAY**

**MASS TIMES: CATHEDRAL: Vigil Mass Saturday 7.00 p.m.; Sunday 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. Bóthar na Naomh Church : Sunday 9.00 a.m.**

We invite you to cut a piece of palm and if you are joining us on either live stream or on the radio we will offer a Blessing of Palm. Blessed Palms will also be available in baskets in both churches following our Sunday Masses.

***The Blessed Palms:** As we place this palm in a special place in our home, may it be a reminder, Jesus, of your great unconditional love for each of us. May it be a source of protection for us all the year through.*

**Holy Week Ceremonies will be available on live stream from [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)**

**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.

**CONTRITON CEREMONY:** As confessions will not take place in the lead up to Easter a CONTRITON CEREMONY will be included with 7.00 p.m. Mass on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Due to the current Covid-19 Restrictions First Confessions will take place in each school next week.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS PREPARATION CEREMONY:** Next Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> streamed from the Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. We invite all First Holy Communion children and their parents to join us for this preparation liturgy. Please note there will be no 7.00 p.m. Mass on Monday.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 - €1,741.00 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 Hamper prizes! (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

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

**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. Trócaire boxes available at the back of both churches. Information is available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY** Live-streamed Talks next Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 p.m. with Columba McCqnn, OSB: “Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord” (Mark 11: 1-10) **Benedictine Prayer.** 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/daffodil-day-thurles> Thank you!

**MOYNE DRAMA GROUP** are delighted to be one of the groups selected to take part in the first Clare Radio Drama Festival. Their entry “In My Father's House” by Sean Dunne, will be broadcast on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> on Scariff Bay Community Radio at 8.00 pm. The station is available on the Scariff Bay Radio website. Festival results on Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to all the cast!

**LITANY OF COMPASSION FOR THE SICK...**

Lord, be close to give comfort:

When pain or distress is overwhelming;

When the healing process goes slower than hoped;

When worn out and weary; When loneliness adds to anxiety;

When sickness makes it difficult to communicate;

When beset by worry or fretfulness; When loved ones are far away;

When sickness causes financial hardship; When it's difficult to sleep;

When bound to hope or when restricted in movement;

When nobody seems to understand; When it's difficult to pray;

When all that's needed is a caring touch.

Merciful Father, your Son showed special compassion and tenderness to those long sick, and healing to the infirm laid before him. We place before you all those who are ill and in need of healing grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Cornelius (Neil) Keogh, Eastleigh, Hampshire, U.K. formerly The Bridge, Rahealty. Funeral Mass this Monday, Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Denis Ryan (Philips), The Fields, Templederry.

*May They Rest in Peace*