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**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.**

***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. Palms will also be available in baskets in both churches following our Sunday Masses.*

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2021**

**MONDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>:** 11.00 a.m. Mass & CONTRITION CEREMONY included with 7.00 p.m. Mass.

**TUESDAY MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>:** 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. Mass.

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>:** 11.00 a.m. Mass &

CHRISM MASS CATHEDRAL 7.00 p.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL  
PRAYER IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE – 9.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL

**GOOD FRIDAY:** EASTER STORY FOR CHILDREN – 12 noon CATHEDRAL  
THE LORD'S PASSION – 3.00 p.m. BÓTHAR NA NAOMH  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL

**HOLY SATURDAY:** EASTER VIGIL – 7.00 p.m. CATHEDRAL

**EASTER SUNDAY:** CATHEDRAL 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH 9.00 a.m.

Holy Week Ceremonies will be available on live stream from [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)  
and 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. **HOLY WEEK:** Staff will not be in the Parish Office from 1.30 p.m. April 1<sup>st</sup>, Holy Thursday and will return to work on Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please note there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Eucharistic Adoration will resume after 11.00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Is scheduled to take place next weekend, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all priests are paid. Jim, Joe and Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of all the Priests of the Archdiocese. During these difficult times we understand if you cannot contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,775.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection** are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**TRÓCAIRE:** Trócaire Boxes may be returned to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets on sale in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the **Restoration of Bishop Leahy Statue**. Last chance to buy! Draw will take place next week. Winners will be notified on Thursday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** Congratulations to all the children from our Parish Schools who received their First Confession during the week.

**TIME CHANGE:** Don't forget clocks go forward this weekend!

**HOPE OF HOPE:** An hour for you, within these Covid times, to experience the pathway to calm, gratitude, togetherness and hope in your life, through time out for listening, prayer, reflection and song. We invite you to join Marianne Dwyer and Fr. Jim Purcell on-line in the Sacred Surroundings of the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8pm – 9pm. The link is [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie).

**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: To attend a wedding or a funeral; 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.)

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Grace Aoife Russell, Corbally.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary Gleeson, née Ryan, Tarmon Drive. †Willie Shanahan, Foilagoul, Upperchurch. †Andrew O'Brien, Bagnelstown, Co. Carlow. †Edward (Eddie) Markey, Bessbrook, County Armagh. †Anna Fitzgerald, née Cahill, Clondalkin, Dublin formerly Thurles.

**May They Rest in Peace**  
*Palm Sunday...*

"They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet Him,  
And cried, Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (John 12:13)

