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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.

**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 - €2,260.00 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 next 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) – this Weekend, March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March.** Administering the Archdiocese is the responsibility of the Archbishop and his staff working from the Diocesan Office. They are charged with the legal, financial and pastoral care of the Archdiocese, its priests, people, property and assets. Because of the new legal responsibilities, the workload has grown considerably, and staff levels have increased. General secretarial administration personnel, a full-time Accountant and secretarial assistance, Child Safeguarding Director and vetting personnel,

and the equipment they use, comprise part of the cost of administering the Archdiocese. **Your contribution to the Diocesan Services goes towards supporting these new and necessary pastoral resources for our Diocese.** We appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

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

**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. Please join us on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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.

**LENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY** Live-streamed Talks next Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 p.m. with Colman O Clabaigh, OSB: “Who is God? Where is God? Whose God is he?” (John 3: 14-21) St. Patrick, Baptism and the Paschal Mystery. All talks live-streamed from [www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam](http://www.glenstal.com/abbey/webcam).

**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.

**RTE ONE SUNDAY MASS:** Bishop Martin Hayes, Diocese of Kilmore, will celebrate the 11.00 Mass from RTE studios this Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Third Sunday of Lent.

**LENTEN PRAYER....**

**God of love,** may I be compassionate as you are compassionate and generous as you are generous. Through me, may others know of your love.

**God of justice,** guide me to do what I know is right, and to be always be open to learn and to change, so that together we can build a fairer world.

**God of joy,** lead me to serve you and my neighbours in whatever way I can. In this service may I find true happiness and enable others to do the same.

**Merciful God,** open our hearts to your love, so that we may be compassionate to others, especially those who are on the margins of society. Lead us in your ways, so that all your people may have fruitful and fulfilling lives.

**Creator God,** forgive us for the times we have taken more than we need. Restore our relationships with each other and with the earth. Work through us to produce your fruit.

**Lord Jesus,** you invite me to follow in your footsteps. Give me the courage to speak out and take action when I see people being exploited. Amen

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Nancy Walsh, Knockbrett, Fethard. †Rena Nuvoloni, née Ryan, Ongar, Dublin formerly Two-Mile-Borris.

**May They Rest in Peace**