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**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH PRESBYTERY: 22688.**

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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 25 mourners can attend the Funeral Mass from Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. 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 our own county or within a radius of 20 km 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 compulsory 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.)

With the introduction of the 'The Path Ahead Plan' recommencement of in-person religious services will take place from May 10<sup>th</sup>. Details will be published in next weekend's newsletter.

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. *We acknowledge that there have been difficulties with our streaming service, while this is frustrating for everyone please be patient with us while these technical issues are currently being resolved.*

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €1,335.00 received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**TRÓCAIRE:** A big thanks to all our parishioners who supported the Trócaire campaign this year. Thurles Parish has collected €14,020.00 to date. *Míle Buíochas!*

**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.

**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.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** May be accessed on the parish website under the Heading 'Newsletter' on the home page.

**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.

**FAMILY MASS QUIZ:** Congratulations to Ava, Ellie and Robert who won the Family Mass Quiz Draw.

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH GOLDEN JUBILEE APPEAL**

We are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of St Joseph and St Brigid's Church, Bóthar na Naomh in October of this year, 2021. We are hoping to publish a history book charting the many facets of life in the church. This book is currently being worked on and we are seeking assistance in locating any photos you may have relating to Bóthar na Naomh church; the celebrations held in the church etc. For instance, the Corpus Christi procession from Bóthar na Naomh – the Cathedral; the hosting of Camp Thurles; and perhaps photos of the locality prior to the building of the church. We would invite you to loan us the photos by dropping them into the Parish Centre or Bóthar na Naomh Presbytery in an envelope marked – *Bóthar na Naomh Golden Jubilee* – and with your name, address and phone number accompanying them, so that they can be returned to you once they have been scanned. The closing date for receipt of photos is May 21<sup>st</sup> so please root out those cupboards and unearth a few gems!!

We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on items/articles which you think should be included in the book which we hope will be available in October. Please email [nd@tipperarystar.ie](mailto:nd@tipperarystar.ie) with suggestions. Thank you.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Christopher Robert Francis Purcell, Carrig Rua, Monadreen.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Tom Sheedy, Turtulla. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral 11.00 a.m. followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Mary Cawley, née Donoghue, London formerly Thurles. †Ann St. John, née Nolan, Collins Park. †Douglas Lamb, Highfield Court, Cabra Road. †Bridget Byrne, Collins Park. †Very Rev. Canon Liam Ryan, Glenbane Upper, Holycross. †Oliver O'Donnell, Beakstown, Holycross. †Paddy Quinn, Ballinahow, Ballycahill. †Marie Doonan, née Forde, Scotland.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I Trust

In danger, in difficulty or in doubt,

think of Mary, call upon Mary,

Keep her name on your lips,

Never let it pass out of your heart.

Following in her footsteps, you will not go astray:

praying to her you will not fall into despair:

thinking of her you will not err.

While she keeps hold of your hand, you will not fall,

you will not grow weary, you will have no fear,

Enjoying her protection, you will reach the goal.

*(Saint Bernard)*

