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**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:**

The Cathedral is open to the public for two Masses daily and these are live streamed at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. every day including Sunday. The capacity of the Cathedral is 150 people (3 Zones – 50 people). Bóthar na Naomh Church is open for Sunday Mass at 9.00 a.m. and is also live streamed. The capacity of Bóthar na Naomh is 70 people (2 Zones – 35 people). We ask everyone to consider attending a maximum of one Mass per week to dispel the possibility of larger crowds attending any given Mass. We would like to remind people to sit on the X, as these are clearly marked for social distancing. The Cathedral will remain open for private prayer from after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 5.00 p.m. each day. Bóthar na Naomh Church will continue to be available for private prayer from 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. each day except on Sundays when it will remain open after 9.00 a.m. Mass until 2.00 p.m.

**Pallottine College Chapel is open for Mass at 10.00 a.m. each day.** The capacity for Pallottine College Chapel is 36 people.

- **Funerals:** There is an increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one. **Maximum of 50 people** now allowed at Funeral Masses, regardless of the size of the church – hence 50 only in our Cathedral. (i.e. regular daily Masses 150 people allowed, Funeral Masses 50 people allowed). We appeal to our parishioners that if it was your intention to attend the 11.am Mass, in the event of a Funeral taking place please make an effort to attend the evening Mass on that day instead. 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.
- **Weddings:** Up to 50 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony.
- **Confessions** will not take place until further notice.
- **Travel:** Inter-county travel has resumed.
- **Wearing Of Face Coverings** is compulsory when visiting the Cathedral or Bóthar na Naomh Church. (It is understood that for medical reasons so
- me people may not be able to comply with this request.)

**SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** In a statement from the office of the Taoiseach it is now the recommendation of the government that the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion should not take place **“at this time”**. With this in mind, Archbishop Kieran has informed us that **no Confirmation Ceremony or First Communion** be planned for the month of May. Furthermore, it is also probable that it may not be possible to plan any dates for June, all subject to the situation at the time and the spread of the virus. This will be held under review.

**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.

**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.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,530.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection** are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**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.

**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH GOLDEN JUBILEE APPEAL**



This is the final call for any photos, suggestions for articles etc. you may have for the Bóthar na Naomh golden jubilee commemorative book. Once again, we invite you to loan us 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. Thank you.

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Evie Mernagh, Cabragh. \*Theodore Martin Morgan, Pipershill, Naas, Co. Kildare.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Liam Walshe, Johnstown Glebe, Rathdowney. †James (Jimmy) O'Dwyer, Corbally, Clonoulty. †Mary Ryan, née Doherty, Baroda, Templederry.

**May They Rest in Peace**

**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*God of majesty, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your apostles as they were joined in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus;*

*grant through her intercession  
that we may serve you faithfully  
and, by word and example,  
spread the glory of your name  
throughout the world.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

