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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

The Cathedral is open to the public for 11.00 a.m. Mass daily, including Sundays and also 7.00 p.m. Mass every evening except Tuesdays & Thursdays, when Evening Mass takes place in Bóthar na Naomh Church. 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 Evening Mass on Tuesdays & Thursday at 7.00 p.m. from June 1st next. All Masses from Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church are 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 some people may not be able to comply with this request.)

VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: First Friday visits are not possible at the moment.

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

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE VISIT: www.thurlesparish.ie

All Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio.

JUNE CLERGY COLLECTION: Is scheduled to take place next weekend, June 5th/6th. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all the priests are paid. Jim, Joe and Vincent say **‘thank you’** for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We received **€19,875.00** towards the Easter Clergy Collection which was a very generous amount during these uncertain times. We greatly appreciate your generosity, but we understand during these times, if you are unable to contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,545.00** 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.

Cathedral of the Assumption “Raise the Roof” Lotto Initiative



We wish to thank all those who donated towards and/or supported any events organised for our Building Fund over the past few years. A major fundraising initiative has been launched this week to continue to work towards reaching the estimated €1.6 million required to fund the cost of reroofing the Cathedral of the Assumption. The existing roof needs to be fully replaced within the next 3-4 years and it is necessary to plan for this now. The initiative is being coordinated by a Cathedral Reroofing Project Group established for this purpose.

The fundraising will be centred on the Thurles Cathedral “Raise the Roof” lotto. You can join for as little as €2 per week (for one line) or a maximum of €5 per week (for 3 lines) with the jackpot growing every week if not won. Any

week that the lotto is not won will see a draw for a cash prize.

We know that it has been a very difficult and challenging year for everyone and we in Thurles parish really appreciate all the help and support that we continue to receive. The Cathedral is a very costly building to maintain, and we must again turn to the people of our parish and the Archdiocese to assist with the significant cost of reroofing. Go to www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the “**Join Lotto**” button. This will bring you to a secure webpage where you can choose your numbers and sign up to the lotto.

ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTERS: We ask our Envelope Distributors to assist with the delivering of Lotto Brochures to all the homes in the parish over the next few weeks. If you are available to help please call into the Parish Office or phone 0504-22229 for further information.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Rita-Maria McInerney, Cabra Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Gerard Carey, Kyleneo, Horse & Jockey, formerly Moyne Road. †John (Johnny) Everard, Main St., Templetuohy. †Ger Gavin, St. Conlon’s Road, Nenagh. †P.J. Spain, Straffan, Co. Kildare formerly Ard na Croise.

May They Rest in Peace