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**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:**

To all our parishioners, in line with guidance from Archbishop Kieran and in adherence to the National Covid Guidelines the Cathedral will re-open for Masses from next Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. **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 will be open for Sunday Mass only, which will be at 9.00 a.m. commencing Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 will reopen for Mass at 10.00 a.m. each day commencing Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>.** *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. Therefore from Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, maximum number of people allowed at Funeral Masses is 50 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 can resume.
- **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.)

**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.

**FAMILY MASS:** Will take place on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.** in the Cathedral. *Theme: Jesus ascends into heaven.* Artwork will be distributed to the schools and can be dropped into the 'post-box' at the back of the Cathedral.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€2,050.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** The monthly Mass remembering the deceased members of the Association and the intentions of all grandparents will be celebrated from St. John the Baptist Church, Cashel Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Rosary and associated prayers will be recited after Mass. You are welcome to join us on [churchcamlive.ie/cashel](http://churchcamlive.ie/cashel)

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary O'Meara, 32 Ard Mhuire. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Margaret (Peggy) Griffin, née Ryan (Matt), Moyne Road formerly Upperchurch & Hollyford. †Edward (Ned) Bourke, The Green, Holycross. †Michael McGann, Tramore, formerly Bohernanave.

***May They Rest in Peace***

“From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.

From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!”

*St. John Paul*