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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. 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 is open for private prayer after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 5.00 p.m. each day. Bóthar na Naomh Church is open 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: Maximum of 50 people** 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.
- **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 regulation.)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed daily on the main altar in the Cathedral, **Monday – Sunday incl., after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 5.00 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES 2021

The young people from our parish will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in the Cathedral of the Assumption on **Monday July 5th & Tuesday July 6th.** Children from Parish Schools will receive the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** in the Cathedral of the Assumption on **Thursday July 8th & Friday July 9th.** More details next week.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. GEORGE: Heartfelt congratulations to Fr. George Ranahan, Pallottine Community, on celebrating his Golden Jubilee! We thank him for his devoted service of 50 years to the priesthood and in particular his generosity, kindness and support to Thurles Parish. May God continue to bless him and keep him.

FAMILY MASS: Our final family Mass for this school year takes place next Saturday, June 20th in the Cathedral @ 7.00 p.m. Theme: *"Even the wind and the sea obey him"* (Mark 4:41) Valuing God's Creation" - Poster sheet will be e-mailed to all teachers and available on the parish website.

JUNE CLERGY COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. **€8,165.00** was received. Jim, Joe and Vincent say *'thank you'* for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. 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 - **€3,155.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE

We thank you for your support and great interest in this new fundraising venture. First draw of the "Raise the Roof" Lotto will take place on this Friday, June 17th. 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. **The lotto is available on-line only. Following many enquiries, we know the on-line requirement is disappointing but with General Data Protection Regulation and Financial Regulations it is the only secure way for the parish to operate the Lotto.** If you are unable to join perhaps a family member or friend could assist you. 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 it. **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:** Some Lotto Brochures still need to be delivered. If you are available please call into the Parish Office for further information.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Lorcán Stephen Dorney, Hayfield Manor. *Ronan Pádraig Fitzgerald, Sean Treacy Avenue.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Noreen Ferncombe, née Dunne, Glenreigh, Holycross. †Patrick (Pa) Walshe, Mungret, Limerick.

May They Rest in Peace

ARCHDIOCESE OF CASHEL & EMLY: Invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of **Director of Pastoral Planning & Development. This is a 3-year Fixed-Term Contract.** A detailed job description is available on www.cashel-emly.ie Closing date for applicants by post or email, on or before 5.00 p.m. on Friday 25th June 2021 to: Archdiocese of Cashel & Emlly, Archbishop's House, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 NY92.