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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
- g 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: We had hoped to resume First Friday Calls in July but with the growing risk of the Covid Delta variant, it isn't pastorally advisable to do so at present.

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 on **Monday July 5th & Tuesday July 6th:**

MONDAY JULY 5TH: Leugh N.S. 10.00 a.m.; Presentation Primary 12 noon; Gaelscoil Bhríde 2.00 p.m.

TUESDAY JULY 6TH: Scoil Ailbhe 10.00 a.m.; Scoil Angela 12 noon.

Children from Parish Schools will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on **Thursday July 8th & Friday July 9th:**

THURSDAY JULY 8TH: Gaelscoil Bhríde 10.00 a.m.; Leugh N.S. 12 noon;

Presentation Primary 2.00 p.m.

FRIDAY JULY 9TH: Scoil Angela 10.00 a.m. ; Scoil Ailbhe 12 noon;

Rahealty N.S.: 2.00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: NO 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral July 5th, 6th, 8th & 9th.

The H.S.E. are strongly advising Parents against holding parties involving people beyond their own immediate family members following the ceremonies.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS COLLECTION: A gentle reminder that this Collection takes place next weekend, July 4th 2021. This fund is used to provide priests with in-service training so that they can continue to minister effectively to enhance the life of our parish communities throughout the diocese. We appreciate your generosity but understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€1,995.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

THANKS: Fr. George Ranahan, Rector, Pallottine College, sincerely thanks all who conveyed good wishes and congratulations on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee to the priesthood.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE

First Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers 7; 22; 25; 28.

The Jackpot was not won this week therefore cash prize of €50 to the lucky winner!

Next Draw – Thursday July 1st: Jackpot of €1,525.00.

You can join our Lotto anytime 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. **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. **The lotto is available on-line only. We have been trying to find a way around your disappointment with the Lotto being on-line only. If you have been unsuccessful in joining our Lotto and you still wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office and Marie or Louise will do their best to assist you.** 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. *We thank you for your support and great interest in this new fundraising venture.*

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Ned Francis Kelly, Killenaule.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Paddy Barry, Castle Park. †Mairead Fanning, née Murphy, Lisnagry, Limerick. †Percy Ryan, Timoleague, Cork, formerly Holycross. †Karen McCarthy, Bedford, England.

May They Rest in Peace

