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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:** 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.

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

Please note: The updated guideline from the Government from 2nd June 2021, subject to the public health situation at the time, First Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies may take place from July 5th, with restricted numbers. Dates will be published as soon as they are arranged.

JUNE CLERGY COLLECTION: Is scheduled to take place this 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 greatly appreciate your generosity, but we understand during these times, if you are unable to contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

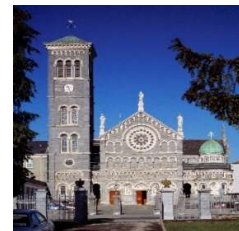
WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€2,247.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION: Monthly Mass, remembering the living and deceased members of the Catholic Grandparents Association, from St. John the Baptist Church, Cashel, Tues. June 8th, at 10.30am. Join us on churchcamlive.ie/cashel

ACCORD THURLES: Volunteers needed to support the provision of evening counselling appointments by Accord counsellors. If you have some time on weekday evenings to be present in the Accord Centre while counselling appointments are taking place, we would appreciate hearing from you. Contact @ 0504 22279 for details.

LOST: Ladies Gold Watch last week in May. If found, please contact Parish Office.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE



First draw of the “Raise the Roof” Lotto will take place on June 17th next. 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. John McCormack, Cathedral Reroofing Project Committee member will be in the Parish Office, next Tuesday, June 8th to answer any questions you might have regarding the Lotto. Feel free to call in for a chat! *We thank you for your support and great interest in this new fundraising venture.*

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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Noreen Maher, née Gleeson, Kennedy Park. Funeral Mass this Monday, Cathedral, 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. †Kitty Slattery, née McLoughlin, Fontenoy Terrace, formerly Upperchurch. †Mary Cummins, née Boilson, Grawn, Two-Mile-Borris. †John O’Connell, Killenaule. †Thomas McGrath, Gurthru, New Inn.

May They Rest in Peace