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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

THURLES PARISH SUMMER MASS TIMES:

From Weekend July 10th/11th 2021:

WEEKEND MASSES:

CATHEDRAL:

SATURDAY: VIGIL MASS: 7.00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 9.00 A.M., 11.00 A.M. & 7.00 p.m.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: SUNDAY 10.00 A.M.

Please note the 9.00 a.m. Mass, has been moved from Bóthar na Naomh Church to the Cathedral (capacity 150) and the Bóthar na Naomh Sunday Mass (capacity 70) will now take place at 10.00 a.m. This change is due to the increased numbers in attendance at our Sunday morning Masses

WEEKDAY MASSES:

CATHEDRAL: MONDAY – SATURDAY: 11.00 A.M.

EVENING MASS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 7.00 P.M.

BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH EVENING MASS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 7.00 P.M.

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 10.00 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:** No bookings for Baptisms can be taken until further notice.
- **Weddings:** Up to 50 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony.
- **Confessions** will not take place until further notice.
- **Cemetery Masses:** In the present circumstances Cemetery Masses cannot be held until later in the summer, when circumstances, hopefully, will permit them to be truly family and community celebrations in a safe environment.
- **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.)

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

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.

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

In the interest of the wellbeing of our communities and society the First Holy Communions & Confirmation Ceremonies have been deferred in keeping with regulations issued by the Government this week. We realise how disappointing this is for all involved. We thank parents and teachers for their continued understanding and support during these challenging times. Further information on these ceremonies will be issued when we receive Government clearance to do so.

As the Confirmations & First Holy Communions are now deferred the 11.00 a.m. Mass will go ahead as usual next week.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS COLLECTION: This Collection takes place this 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 - €2,545.00 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

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers 2;6; 17; 20.

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

Next Draw – Thursday July 8th - Jackpot of €1,725.00.

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: *Everleigh Mackey-Loughnane, Slí na Siuire. *Doireann Anna Maher, Forest Lane, Kilrush. *Finn David O'Dwyer, Cabragh Road.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Rory Long, Brittas Road & Philippines. †Jane Clarke, Moate, Kells, Co. Meath.

May They Rest in Peace

