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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

THURLES PARISH SUMMER MASS TIMES:

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:** Baptisms may be booked through the Parish Centre. 15 people may attend each Baptism.
- **Weddings:** The number of guests permitted to attend a Wedding Ceremony from August 5th will depend on the size of the Church with the maximum of 100 guests in the Cathedral (two sections – 50 in each section) and 70 in Bóthar na Naomh Church (two sections – 35 in each section).
- **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.)

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE VISIT: www.thurlesparish.ie All Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Masses can also be heard via local radio.

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 August but with the growing risk of the Covid Delta variant, it isn't pastorally advisable to do so at present.

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

AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION: Amount received: €12,460.00. Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your continued generosity.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €1,917.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

COLÁISTE ÉILE: We are now enrolling for Part Time & Full Time Courses. If interested please phone 0504 21166 between 10.00 – 12 noon weekdays.

TANZANIA FACE MASK APPEAL: Fr.Martin Mareja, Pallottine Fathers will return home to Tanzania in September where there is a shortage of face masks to protect against Covid 19. A box has been left in the parish centre to enable people to donate face masks. Please note that only **new face masks in sealed packaging will be accepted.** Please support!

FOUND: Engagement Ring in Supervalu, Friar St., in July – contact Parish Office for details.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 9; 13; 14; 25.

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

Next Draw – Thursday August 26th - Jackpot of €3,200.00

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.*

Coinciding with the ‘Raise the Roof’ Lotto initiative, we have received a number of donations to the Cathedral Reroofing Fund. We acknowledge and thank those of you who have contributed. Your continued kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Olivia Ann Fitzpatrick, Cloughmartin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Mrs. Bridget Lloyd, née Butler, The Furze. †Robert Shorley, St Mary's Avenue. †Margie Cullen, née Lee, Farney Castle, Holycross.

May They Rest in Peace

GRANT TO ME, O LORD.....

**An eye of vision, a sensitive mind,
a gentle heart, and make me kind.**

**A discerning taste, a life of love,
an awareness of you and hope from above. (David Adam)**