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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.

**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.

Pallottine College Chapel is open for Mass at 10.00 a.m. each day. *The capacity for Pallottine College Chapel is 50 people.*

**FROM MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

Following the latest Government Covid Guidelines Churches are now allowed half of their maximum seating capacity for Religious Ceremonies. We ask you to please sit in alternate pews (every second pew) in the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church.

- **Funerals:** 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 and grounds or cemetery to sympathize.
- **Baptisms:** Baptisms may be booked through the Parish Centre. 20 people may attend each Baptism.
- **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.)

**FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE VISIT: [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://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 but it isn't pastorally advisable to do so at present.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS:** Will take place this weekend Sept 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. (White envelope 05<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021). We appreciate your continued generosity, but we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,575.00 received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

**HOLYCROSS ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA 2021:** The Novena will be held behind closed doors again this year. Services from [www.churchservices.tv/holycrossabbey](http://www.churchservices.tv/holycrossabbey) at 10.30am and 7.30pm daily and on Tipperary Mid-West Radio at 7.30pm daily. The Session for the Sick will be broadcast online and on Tipperary Mid-West Radio at 2pm on Sat. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE**

**Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 1; 6; 15; 21.**

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

**Next Draw – Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> - Jackpot of €3,625.00.**

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](http://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:** \*Zara Ann Butler, Thurles. \*Ava Mai Ivors, Oakfield Drive.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Michael Clear, Castle Avenue. †John McGrath, Glasnevin, Dublin, formerly Barnane, Templemore. †Conor Cooke, Stephen Street, Waterford, formerly Rathdowney. †Sr. Claire Hickey, CP., Santiago, Chile, formerly Clongour.

***May They Rest in Peace***

**"SEEDS OF HOPE" 2021- 2026:**

No business, sporting or community organisation of any sport fulfils its potential without careful planning. We are no different. But plans take on a whole new sense of importance and meaning when organisations need to 'go again'. We are at that time; not just because the Church has come through some tumultuous decades that it must learn from but because we must also, in moving forward, bring with us all that is good and make it even better as we do God's amazing work. We need to turn to the future and plan for the future and that's exactly what our pastoral plan 'Seeds of Hope' is about. We have always hope but we must plant seeds if we are to reap a harvest down the line.

Like any good plan, it has involved listening. We began our process all of four years ago as we engaged with people of all demographics across the archdiocese to hear exactly what it is that we need at parish and diocesan level so that we can serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of all in the years ahead. Like any journey, there are bumps along the way and, just with the listening phase coming to an end, COVID-19 became ours last year. It was an interruption rather than a derailment and now, having completed the listening process, we are on the cusp of unveiling 'our' plan – for it is, indeed, a plan for all of us, by all of us.

The launch of this plan will be in a sacred space for our diocese, **Holycross Abbey**, on **Sunday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.** Due to the pandemic, numbers that can attend are limited but each parish will be represented. For those unable to attend, the unveiling of the plan, with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, will take place at **3.00pm.**

It will be a day of truth, a day of reconciliation, a day of renewal and, above all, a day of hope. We ask that you join us on this special day as this very special celebration is live streamed from the Abbey. In the meantime, we ask that this weekend and over the coming days and months that you pray that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our **Seeds of Hope** will, indeed, bear fruit, a new beginning for us all here in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly.

*Statement from Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.*