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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

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.

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:** *Funeral Masses now take place in both the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.* 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 resume on Saturday, October 23rd, 2.30 – 3.30 p.m., Cathedral.
- **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.

OCTOBER CLERGY COLLECTION: Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,392.00** received. **Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.**

FAMILY MASS: Our next family Mass will take place on **Saturday, October 16th** in the Cathedral. Theme: *Building the Future - how we share in God's Spirit of generosity.* Looking forward to seeing you there. Artwork will be available through the schools.

THURLES PARISH YOUTH CHOIR: Are you in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th class? Do you enjoy singing? If so, you will be most welcome to join Thurles Parish Youth Choir. The choir will return to rehearsal on **Tuesday, November 2nd in the Cathedral.** Rehearsals are from 4 – 5 p.m. Application forms available in the Parish Centre. Further info @ (087) 9804172.

COFFEE MORNING: Monday, Oct.11th, "Tar Isteach" (behind Premier Hall), 12 noon – 4.00 p.m. Come along for a chat and receive information and advice on Mental Health.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Cathedral over the last two weeks and to their parents & teachers. A big 'Thank You' to all who helped make these ceremonies so meaningful and special – Teachers, Stewards, Musicians and Singers, Sacristans – Meg & Jim, Cathedral Flower Group, Parish Office Staff and all who prepared the Cathedral Grounds.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION "RAISE THE ROOF" LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 1; 12; 19; 28.

The Jackpot was not won this week.

Cash Prize of €50 to the lucky winner, Eileen Maher, Thurles.

Next Draw – Thursday October 14th - Jackpot of €4,375.00.

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. **The lotto is available 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. Go to www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the "Join Lotto" button.** 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 continued support.*

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 kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Dallas Maria Doyle, Garranroe. *Lauran Michelle Norris, Kickham Street. *Nicole Lilly Ashley, Gortnahoe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †William (Billy) Ryan, Churchview, Bohernanave. †Chris Long, née Brett, Glenreigh, Holycross. †Rev. Fr. John E. (Jack) Butler, SDB., Pallaskenry, Maynooth, South Africa, formerly Croke Street. †Patrick (Paddy) Coyle, Downpatrick, Co Down.

May They Rest in Peace

St. JOSEPH & ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE: This month sees the Golden Jubilee of the opening of St Joseph and St Brigid's Church, Bohernanave in our community. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions it is not possible to celebrate this huge milestone in a way we would wish. So, the celebrations are being put on ice until Spring 2022 when we hope to launch our Golden Jubilee history book marking the impact the church has had on the people of Thurles and much further afield. The book is still in production and there is still limited time for any photos etc which may be relevant. These can be dropped to the Tipperary Star office, Friar Street, or to the Parish Office, Cathedral Street and will be returned upon completion. More information on the proposed celebrations at a later date.

THE KNOT PRAYER

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life. And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back.

Especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen.

(Author Unknown)