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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 the Pallottine College Chapel is 50 people.*

**THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Warmly welcome everybody as we ease into the next phase of the full re-opening of the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church, which will allow for full capacity. We hope that together as a Parish Community we will create an inviting, prayerful, peaceful and safe environment for all.

**From Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:**

- **CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS:** 8.30 a.m. each morning. The Cathedral will remain open until 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on all other days until after 7.00 p.m. mass.
- **BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH OPENING HOURS:** 9.00.am each morning remaining open until 2.00 pm daily (Open for 7.00 p.m. mass Tuesdays & Thursdays).
- **IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES:** Religious Services, Weddings & Funerals can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place: We ask that all parishioners attending masses and services be mindful of wearing face coverings, (it is understood that for medical reasons some people may not be able to comply with this regulation); using hand sanitizer; keep social distance - especially on movement into and out of the churches and when receiving Communion. The Eucharist will continue to be received on the hand only. All entrance doors will be open for ease of entrance to and exits from churches for Sunday masses and funerals.
- **THE CURRENT MASS TIME SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.** All seating will be accessible in both churches. Online streaming service will continue on [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie)
- **Baptisms** may be booked through the Parish Centre. 20 people may attend each Baptism.
- **Confessions:** Cathedral Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
- **THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE:** To all the Parish groups who quietly and diligently fulfilled their roles throughout all the closures and restrictions – thank you for your dedication and commitment in providing new ways of connecting with the wider community and keeping everybody safe and well within our churches. Thank you to our Parish stewards, who kept us safe in both churches, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Ministers of the Word, who interacted with our community, in a respectful way. We owe a debt of gratitude to our sacristans Jim and Meg in the Cathedral, Helen, & Paul in Bóthar na Naomh Church – their commitment, time and dedication is greatly appreciated by all of us. A word of thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted in preparing both Churches for the re-opening on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- **CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES 2021:** All ceremonies took place with our Parish Schools over four weekends in September and October. Congratulations to the children, their families & teachers and thanks to all involved in the success of the ceremonies. We leave the final word to Pope Francis who recently addressed the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic for our future. The current crisis will help to remind us **“once and for all, that humanity is a single community”**, he says. It will teach us that **“universal kinship”** is important and critical. We should think about it like a “post-war” phenomenon, he says: **“It will no longer be ‘them’. It will be ‘us. Because we can only come out of this situation together”.**

**UPDATED PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** Mondays 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
Tuesdays – Fridays: 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Closed for lunch from 1.30pm – 2.30pm daily.  
Please note: On Bank Holiday Tuesdays Parish Office will open at 11.30 a.m.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – SUNDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>:** Pope Francis in his message for World Mission Day, stresses that amid this pandemic there is the need for a “mission of compassion.” “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard,” taken from the Acts of the Apostles, is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2021 which will be observed on October 24th. In the message released recently the Pope emphasizes that “Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard.*”  
**Annual Collection for the Missions takes place this weekend, (White Envelope – 24-Oct-21).**

**NOVEMBER -MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS** will be offered at the weekday and weekend Masses throughout the month of November. November Envelopes are available at back of both Churches and in the Parish Office. Completed Lists can be placed in the Boxes provided in either Church or the Parish Centre. You can also contact the Parish Office if you wish to have the names of your loved ones included in the November Masses.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€2,935.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

**THURLES PARISH YOUTH CHOIR:** Are you in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cathedral. Rehearsals are from 4 – 5 p.m. Application forms available in the Parish Centre. Further info @ (087) 9804172.

**PARISH CELL PRAYER GROUP:** Parish Cell Prayer Meeting on zoom, fortnightly schedule. Contact details @ Parish Centre. You are welcome to join us for Scripture reading and reflection from your own home.  
**MOTHERS’ PRAYERS:** A new faith initiative, by mums for mums, offering prayer, inspiration, and friendship as we raise the souls of the next generation. Join us every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Thurles Parish Centre, starting November 1<sup>st</sup> next. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE**

**Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 12;14; 16; 28.**

**Big Congratulations to the Jackpot Winner this week - John Purcell, Thurles!!**

**Next Draw – Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> - Jackpot of €1,100.00.**

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](http://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.*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \* Oliver Michael Shorley, Monksland, Athlone, Co Roscommon.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Patricia (Patsy) Horan, née Larkin, Cabragh, formerly Ballina, Co. Tipperary. †Liam Troy, Piercetown. †Norah Fewer, née Long, Clongour, formerly 2 Liberty Square. †Anne Quinlivan, née Barry, Cappanahanna, Murroe, Co Limerick. †Denis Mulcaire, Poland formerly Ard Mhuire. †Philomena O’Connor, née McCormack, (Australia) formerly Kickham Street.  
**May They Rest in Peace**