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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: TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 7.00 p.m.

Pallottine College Chapel is open for Mass at 10.00 a.m. each day.

- **CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS:** 8.30 a.m. daily. 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).
- **RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** While restrictions have now been lifted we recommend the wearing of Face Coverings when visiting the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church, (it is understood that for medical reasons some people may not be able to wear face coverings). We also recommend the use of hand sanitiser.
- **BAPTISMS** may be booked through the Parish Centre.
- **CONFESSIONS:** Cathedral Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
- **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** Will resume in March on a phased basis. Frs. Jim, Joe and Vincent will make contact with you prior to visiting.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** From next **Wednesday, March 2nd** (Ash Wednesday) the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Tuesdays & Thursdays – after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 6.30 p.m.; All other days, including Sundays, after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 6.45 p.m.
- **HOLY WATER:** If you need Holy Water please bring your container, filled with water, to the Parish Centre for blessing.
- **PARISH CENTRE:** We recommend the wearing of Face Coverings in the Centre.

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE please visit www.thurlesparish.ie.

TRÓCAIRE: We welcome Colm Hogan & Jason Rice from Trócaire who will speak at all our Masses this weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Cathedral: 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.; Bóthar na Naomh: 10.00 a.m. (Please note additional Mass in Bóthar na Naomh Church). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets now available in the Parish Centre – all proceeds to the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Variety of great prizes. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5).

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD – ZOOM WITH SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS: On Tuesday 1st March @ 8.00 p.m. there will be an opportunity for young men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom or by contacting the Cashel & Emly vocations team at josephwalsh0504@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 4; 6; 16; 21.

The Jackpot was not won this week

Cash Prize of €50 to weekly lucky winner – John O’Donovan, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 3rd – Jackpot €2,400.00.

A sincere thank you to those who have joined and continue to support our "Raise the Roof" weekly lotto. At the end of February a total of **498** people had joined this fundraising initiative, the sole purpose of which is to raise the capital needed to reroof the Cathedral of the Assumption. With 498 members a total of over €67,000 will be raised in a twelve month period – **this is a great help to our on-going fundraising but we still need an increase in membership!** If you are not already a member we encourage you to please join the lotto as we seek to raise the very significant sum required to undertake this essential work. Please also encourage family and friends to join. The roof for the Cathedral was estimated at €1.5 million but with substantial increases in materials, inflation, etc., our target will be considerably greater so there is a very significant challenge facing us all. Thank you for your support. The lotto is available on-line only. To join visit www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the “Join Lotto” button. If you need assistance in joining the Lotto please contact the Parish Office and Louise or Marie will do their best to help you.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions - **€4,141.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY THURLES MONTHLY MEMORY CAFÉ: Wednesday March 2nd at 11.00 a.m. on in Bookworm. Joan Anglim, Speech & Language Therapist Health will hold a discussion on the physical and sensory difficulties with swallowing that can present with dementia. **CARERS SUPPORT GROUP FIRST MEETING:** At 3.00 p.m., March 2nd, Community Hospital of the Assumption. Please contact Ursula, Jennifer or Mags to register.

THURLES LIONS CLUB: Coffee Morning and Open Day in Two-Mile-Borris Vintage Transport Museum this **Sunday February 27th**, 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities. Everyone welcome.

THURLES FARMERS MARKET: Sat Feb. 26th features Food and Craft Stalls - 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Greyhound Stadium. All welcome. Enquiries - Gill at 087 828 3218

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT FEBRUARY 21ST – MARCH 6TH: The theme of the fortnight is the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities that Fairtrade works with. See fairtrade.ie/fortnight for details of online events.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Fiadh Elizabeth Bourke, Hayfield Manor. *Theo Walter Heaney, Willowmere Drive. *Lorna Louise Quirke, Skehane, Two Mile Borris.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen (Kathy) Carr, née Perrott, Kennedy Park. ☩Anthony (Tony) Gooney, Butler Avenue.
May They Rest In Peace.

PRESENTATION OF THE PASTORAL PLAN ‘SEEDS OF HOPE’: ‘Seeds of Hope’ is the pastoral plan for all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly for the next few years. It has emerged from the Listening Process which took place from 2016 – 2019. Many of you were involved in this process and your discussion and feedback is reflected in the plan. Katherine Dullaghan and Sadie Moloney from the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office warmly invites parishioners to a meeting on **Tuesday, March 1st from 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in the Templemore Arms Hotel** at which the ‘Seeds of Hope’ Plan will be presented.

“Dear God, give bread to those who are hungry, and a hunger and thirst for justice to those who have plenty. Amen.” Benedictine Prayer