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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. We request the use of hand sanitiser.
- **BAPTISMS** may be booked through the Parish Centre.
- **CONFESSIONS:** Cathedral Saturdays: 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Adoration 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. **Please wear Face Coverings when visiting the Adoration Chapel.**
- **HOLY WATER:** If you need Holy Water please bring your container, filled with water, to the Parish Centre for blessing.

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

**NATIONAL OF DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNITION OF
COVID 19 PANDEMIC:**

The Government has designated this Sunday, March 20th as a National Day of Remembrance and Reflection for all those who have lost their lives due to the pandemic, and pay tribute to everyone who has contributed to how we have faced and are facing the challenges together.

FAMILY MASS: This Saturday, March 19th, 7.00 p.m., Cathedral. Theme: **Growing The Future: Sowing seeds of a better tomorrow for our children.**

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).

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD– FRIDAY MARCH 25th: Two Hour Vigil in the Cathedral, commencing with the Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass 7.00 p.m. followed by Holy Hour, concluding at 8.30 p.m. Led by Fr. Conor Hayes. All welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are now in a position to resume Altar Servers at our Masses. Children from 3rd Class upwards are welcome to join the altar serving team. Anyone who is interested should come along to our first training evening – **for Bóthar na Naomh Church - Monday, March 21st @ 4.00 p.m.; for Cathedral Wednesday, March 23rd @ 4.00 p.m.** Hope to see you there.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE
Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Due to Bank Holiday Weekend we will publish Results of Draws, March 17th & March 24th next weekend.

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. 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. **Coinciding with the launch of our ‘Raise the Roof’ Lotto our Direct Donations to the Cathedral Reroofing Project have increased. €39,602.00 – total amount received in Direct Donations since June 2021. Your continued kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.**

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions - **€2,936.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Join us for the Mondays of Lent to pray for our children and the children of the world followed by tea and chat on all things motherhood. Mondays 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All mums welcome. No booking required. Enquiries @ 0860847172.

THE HEAT IS ON: Thurles Musical Society presents a musical concert - *The Heat is On* - on Friday & Saturday, April 1st/2nd, in the Premier Hall at 8.00pm. All proceeds will go towards Thurles Cathedral Raise the Roof, and Thurles Tennis Club. Tickets @ €20 from Bookworm, Thurles Parish Centre, members of Thurles Tennis Club, or at the door on the night.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Laura May Carroll, The Willows. *Tess Mary Celine Egan, Brittas Road. *Miugel Rolex Pavlovshi, Hawthorn Drive.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †John Tuohy, Childers Park. †Tom (Tommy) Dowd, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry formerly Rahealty. †Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Clash, Toomevera.

May They Rest In Peace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: Weekend March 26th/27 – Envelopes available at back of both Churches. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and surrounding region. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us.