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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.
- **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: 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.
- **PARISH CENTRE:** We recommend the wearing of Face Coverings in the Centre.

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES COLLECTION: Takes place this weekend, March

5th/6th. Administering the Archdiocese is the responsibility of the Archbishop and his staff working from the Diocesan Office. They are charged with the legal, financial and pastoral care of the Archdiocese, its priests, people, property and assets. Because of the new legal responsibilities, the workload has grown considerably, and staff levels have increased. General secretarial administration personnel, a full-time Accountant and secretarial assistance, Child Safeguarding Director and vetting personnel, and the equipment they use, comprise part of the cost of administrating the Archdiocese. **Your contribution to the Diocesan Services goes towards supporting these new and necessary pastoral resources for our Diocese.** We appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

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).

CANA 1, 2, 3! Rediscover the meaning of your marriage, your family life and your commitment to each other. Experience the 7 thematic days of the CANA week over three weekends: 9th – 10th April; 6th – 8th May and 4th – 5th June 2022. Contact: 041 6851563 or 086 8386725 or email info@canaireland.org

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: Following a record number of calls for help in 2021 the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has launched a national campaign seeking volunteers. **The Mid-West region is also reaching out to people locally to encourage people to come forward and join SVP.** The national campaign for volunteers will primarily focus on over 900 Visiting Conferences (Branches) throughout the country but volunteers are also being sought to help in shops and social housing. Recruitment campaign theme is **“You know who you are - But we don’t!”** To apply to become an SVP volunteer: Visit: www.svp.ie/volunteer or call 01 884 8246.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION “RAISE THE ROOF” LOTTO INITIATIVE

Weekly Lotto Draw Results: Winning Numbers: 4; 11; 13; 19.

The Jackpot was not won this week

Cash Prize of €50 to weekly lucky winner – Philomena Maher, Thurles.

Next Draw: March 10th – Jackpot €2,650.00.

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. The lotto is available on-line only. To join visit www.thurlesparish.ie and click on the “Join Lotto” button.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Contributions – **€3,678.00** received. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral & Bóthar na Naomh Church.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Join us for the six 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 Thurles Parish Centre (starting next Monday, March 7th). All mums welcome. No booking required. Enquiries @ 0860847172. **Place everything in God's hands this Lent.**

HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL DRAMA GROUP will stage 'Moll' by John B. Keane on March 9th, 10th & 11th in Holycross Community Centre at 8.30pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Michael O'Dwyer, Drom, Rossmore. †Theresa Quinn, née Ryan, Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Crosspatrick, formerly Templeberry.

May They Rest In Peace.

TRÓCAIRE:

Sincere thanks to the Trócaire Speakers at all our Masses last weekend. Your donations this Lent will work hard in over 20 countries to help people build lasting, sustainable futures despite the odds their face. Thank you for the hope you bring.

UKRAINE APPEAL:

Currently, there is a Ukraine Fund open for donations on Trócaire's webpage. The Irish Emergency Alliance (IEA), of which Trócaire is a member along with 6 other Irish NGOs, are launching an appeal for Ukraine. Trócaire is providing full support for that appeal. For the next two weeks, anyone who wants to donate on-line to Ukraine through Trócaire (www.trocaire.org) will be directed to donate via the IEA webpage. Trócaire will work collaboratively with the IEA to promote that appeal to the general public. Please support this appeal for the Ukraine.