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THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Having received instruction from the Irish Bishops conference and discussed it at length – in order to safeguard our parishioners and the society at large and wishing to comply with the demands of the instruction, will now implement the following decisions (to be revisited after 29th March).

Weekend Masses (Saturday evening/Sunday) are cancelled (Please note: our Bishops have dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time, including St. Patrick's Day).

Saturday confessions, Sunday devotions and Eucharistic adoration are also temporarily cancelled.

Weekday Masses will also be discontinued for this period.

Mass without a congregation will be offered by our priests for the good of all our parishioners. A streaming service on-line has been set up to enable people to participate spiritually in the offering of the Mass from the safety of their homes. A live stream of Mass each morning @ 11.00a.m. is available via www.thurlesparish.ie. We also hope to maintain our daily radio transmission at 11.00a.m. Please tune in to local radio and our website/facebook page for updates.

Funerals, weddings and baptisms are permitted with restricted numbers in consultation with those concerned.

Churches will remain open as usual to facilitate personal prayer.

These measures are taken in the interest of the health and safety of all our parishioners and the people of the wider Thurles area. We thank you for your co-operation, support and prayer at this difficult time.

Heavenly Father, be our refuge and watch over us.

Send into our hearts the Spirit of your Son;

*The Spirit of faith and love, of peace and trust,
the Spirit of mutual care and concern.*

Lord Jesus protect us and those we love in body, mind and soul.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

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LENTEN COMMUNION REFLECTIONS: Available at the back of both Churches during Lent.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Available at the back of both churches.

EASTER RAFFLE: Prizes on view and tickets on sale in the Parish Centre. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing project. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5)

PATRICK FEENEY IN CONCERT: A big 'thank you' and 'well done' to all involved in making the 'Patrick Feeney Concert' a very enjoyable and outstanding success. Special thanks to our Sacristans, Stewards, Ushers, Flower Group, Office Staff, Order of Malta, Bookworm, Noel Dundon & Tipperary Star Staff, County & Provincial Newspapers, Tipp FM, Tipp Mid - West and all who supported in any way our fundraiser for the re-roofing of the Cathedral.

NEW BOILER APPEAL: The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€645.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€53,889.10**. **Míle Buíochas!**

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING: - In light of public health authority advice to curtail the gathering of groups arising from Covid-19 (the Coronavirus) you are invited to reflect upon the Gospels of Sundays of Lent **online** by visiting our diocesan website www.cashel-emly.ie to access Lenten Resources 2020 under Pastoral Resources. This is an opportunity to meet God in the scriptures in accord with the themes of **Hearing** (*in listening to God's Word*), **Happening** (*see how it touches our lives*) **Hoping** (*and inspires our faith*). "As we gather in our "upper rooms" may Mary be with us to guide us in understanding and wisdom, and may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit in all our efforts to discern the plans for our diocese." (Lenten Pastoral 2020, Archbishop Kieran). All are welcome.

OUR LADY'S WELL: Angelus and Rosary on Sunday 15th March, 12 noon.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES: Meeting Mon. Mar. 16th postponed until further notice.

THREE HOUR VIGIL IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION:

Pallottine Chapel, Tues. March 24th has been cancelled in the interest of public health.

THURLES MUSICAL SOCIETY: Further to the government announcement and with the health and safety of our audiences and members in mind, Thurles Musical Society has made the difficult decision to postpone our production of **Made in Dagenham**. We will work hard to reschedule events for a later date but for now we ask for your patience while we deal with the situation. We will keep you updated. Tickets already purchased will be honoured at rescheduled performances. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

THURLES DRAMA GROUP: Cancels its performances in The Source on Monday and Tuesday, March 23rd & 24th of Gut. We hope to reschedule same at a future date. Many thanks to all our Thurles supporters.

BINGO: Premier Hall, Wed. 18th March is cancelled in the interest of public health.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meeting Wed. 18th March is postponed until further notice.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 7th & 8th 2020:

Cathedral: €2,486.00; Bóthar na Naomh: €1,965.00.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Jaxson John Jordan, Gortataggart. *Cillian Edmond Laffan, Clobanna. *Francis Eoin O'Dwyer, The Willows. *Levi-Shay Power Corbett, Slí na Siúire.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Josephine (Fianna) Sweeney, Ard Mhuire. †James McCormack, Monakeeba. †Declan Kennedy, Castlemeadows. †Pat Stapleton, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny. †Rev. Fr. Joseph Walsh, O.S.A., Australia, formerly Fethard.

May they Rest in Peace.