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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, the following regulations have been implemented:

**WEEKEND MASSES & WEEKDAY MASSES** ARE cancelled (Please note: our Bishops have dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time).

**CONFESSIONS:** The normal schedule of Confessions in our churches has ceased for the time being.

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:** Will not be celebrated until further notice.

**VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** Based on public health guidelines, First Friday house visits and other pastoral house visits have ceased except in the case of emergency.

**FUNERALS:** Due to the number of people now permitted to gather, numbers for funerals must be kept to an absolute minimum.

**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.**

Available on live stream at <http://www.thurlesparish.ie>

1. A live stream of Mass each morning @ 11.00a.m.
2. Sunday Evening Prayer at 7.00 p.m. also available on live stream.
3. *'Hearing, Happening, Hoping'* – Archbishop Kieran will join us on live-stream on Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m. to lead a reflection on the coming Sunday Gospel. Please join us at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

**PALM SUNDAY, SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>:** We invite you to cut a piece of palm and if you are joining us on either live stream or on the radio we will offer a blessing of Palm as an alternative to what we normally do.

*'The Blessed Palms: As we place this palm in a special place in our home, may it be a reminder, Jesus, of your great unconditional love for each of us. May it be a source of protection for us all the year through.'*

**We also hope to maintain our daily radio transmission at 11.00a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website page for updates.

**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.*

**PARISH OFFICE:** During the Coronavirus COVID 19 the Parish Office will now be closed. Staff are working on the premises for normal opening hours, **Monday – Friday, 10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.** Please phone Parish Office @ 0504 -22229 or Parish Office Mobile @ 085 8819575 if you have any queries or requests and we will do our best to facilitate you. (All until further notice). The Parish Office phone line was down during the week – we apologise for any inconvenience caused. **Please note Parish Centre Mobile No: 085 8819575.**

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND** an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free - Listen via TV on **Saorview** - Channel 210 and **Freeview** - Channel 826; Download our **FREE APP** - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via **PHONE** – get live radio feed by telephoning +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.-8.00p.m., by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**NEW BOILER APPEAL:** The new boiler and its installation has cost approximately **€55,000**. Through your generosity **€305.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€54,504.10. Míle Buíochas!**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** If you had intended to buy tickets and didn't yet have the opportunity please phone the Parish Centre. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing project. (Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5)

**PATRICK FEENEY CONCERT:** Sincere thanks to all who helped and supported this memorable night. Profit from ticket sales, concert donations and the raffle totalled **€7,555.00**.

**CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE:** Second Floor, Mall House, Slievenamon Road. Independent & confidential Information & Advice on Rights & Entitlements. Contact 0761 076510.

**SUMMERTIME:** Remember "Spring Forward" your clock one hour this Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 midnight.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** Many thanks for your Weekly Envelope Offertory Contributions - €745.00 received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches: We appreciate your continued generosity during this challenging time for everyone.

*God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.*

*Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.*

*May the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, with Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, guide us through this time of peril, preserve us in peace, protect the vulnerable, health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Mary White, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

**Rest in Peace.**