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**THURLES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL -Covid 19**

**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.

**VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** 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.

**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 at 11.00 a.m. daily – available on [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://www.thurlesparish.ie) or Google **twitch** and then search: **thurles parish live** - this link will bring you directly to the live stream.

**Radio transmission also at 11.00a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website for updates.

**LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION**

**DAILY MASS: 11.00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS: 7.00 p.m.**

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.*

**PARISH OFFICE:** During the Coronavirus COVID 19 the Parish Office Staff will work behind closed doors. Please phone Parish Office @ 0504 - 22229 or Parish Office Mobile @ 085 8819575 if you have any queries or requests, e.g. you may wish to book an intention for the daily Mass that is lived streamed. (All until further notice).

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** In this trying time for everyone, we are very grateful for your Weekly Envelope Contributions - **€1,360.00** received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance (e.g. heat and light for the streaming of our daily Mass) of our Churches. We appreciate your bigheartedness when you have so many demands on you and your families. Many thanks.

**NEW BOILER APPEAL:** Through your generosity **€170.00** was received during this past week bringing the total collected to date to **€55,004.10**. We have made it! *Míle, míle Buíochas!*

**EASTER CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Clergy Collection. Amount received: **€10,545.00**. We have received several enquiries regarding paying the Collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – this can be done by setting up a Standing Order or by Credit Transfer– if interested please contact the Parish Office for further details. We greatly appreciate your generosity, but we understand during these difficult times, if you are unable to contribute towards the Clergy Collection.

**SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2020**

Archbishop Kieran has received several requests for information about the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. It is now certain that all the plans and preparations we have made for the reception of the **Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation** will not be realised.

These ceremonies are big occasions and bring many people together to celebrate with those receiving the sacrament. However, following guidelines from the government, right now it is impossible to gather large numbers of people because of the risks involved for the spread of Covid-19. We realise this is a big disappointment for many people but during these challenging times this decision is unavoidable.

To all of you preparing for these sacraments this year Archbishop Kieran would like to state that your **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** will happen when we receive the assurance from the government that it is safe to hold these ceremonies.

*"The Lord is my light and my help. Hope in the Lord, hold firm and take heart".*

*(Psalm 26)*

**AGE ACTION GRANT:** Age Action are facilitating a grant of €500 for elderly people who are cocooning at home to help alleviate the cost of buying extra home heating oil, update their mobile phones, etc. Anyone interested in availing of this grant can get a form from Thurles Citizens Information Centre on 0761076510 or email [thurles@citinfo.ie](mailto:thurles@citinfo.ie). and an application form can be sent by post.

**TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL COVID RESPONSE CONTACT NO: 0761 065000.**

**ACCORD: COVID-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line.** If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships Counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life contact **01 5313331** – 9.00a.m. – 8.00p.m. Mon. – Fri. All calls charged at local rate.

**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** have 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Albert Shanahan, Slievenamon Road. †Phyllis Skehan, Carrigaline, Cork, formerly Wolfe Tone Place & Liberty Square. †Kieran Maguire, Nenagh. †Mary Thomas, née Kavanagh, Luton, England formerly Coalfields. †Nonie McEntaggart, née Ryan, Dublin formerly Roskeen, Drombane. †Austin O'Malley, Coventry, England.

*May they rest in Peace.*