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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: RE-OPENING OF BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH:

Thank you to everybody involved in the safe re-opening of the Cathedral for daily masses, namely the sacristans, stewards and ministers for their on-going commitment. Maintaining the safety of the public in these very uncertain times is a challenge whilst also creating a welcoming, peaceful, sanctuary for all to return to. It is you, the congregation that are the heart of the faith community, and it is hoped that this experience of returning to a new normal within the church continues to meet your needs despite the restrictions in place, and we are particularly mindful of bereaved families in these times.

We now are progressing to re-opening **Bóthar na Naomh Church** for Sunday Mass only, which will be at **9.00 a.m. commencing Sunday 9th August and will be live streamed through our parish website** (see below). The current regulations limit the capacity to **60** people only in Bóthar na Naomh Church which will be divided into two sections. It is hoped that the provision of this Mass in Bóthar Na Naomh Church can allow ease of access for people who have mobility concerns, and we ask others to be mindful of same. A speaker system will be available in the grounds. As indicated a few weeks ago also a Radio link will shortly be installed similar to that in the Cathedral. **The daily masses continue to be available in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.**

Many thanks for your ongoing understanding and co-operation.

LIVE STREAM & DAILY RADIO TRANSMISSION

DAILY MASSES (incl. weekends): 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE www.thurlesparish.ie or Google **twitch → thurles parish live** - this link will bring you directly to the live stream. **Radio transmission also at 11.00 a.m.** Please tune in to local radio and our website for updates.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will resume on **MONDAY next, August 3rd**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar in the Cathedral from **Monday – Saturday inclusive, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

VISITING OF THE SICK & FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: First Friday house visits and other pastoral house visits have ceased except in the case of emergency.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism has now resumed. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

CONFESSIONS: Cathedral every **Saturday 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.** (with social distancing in place).

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is now open to the public Monday – Friday, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. (closed for lunch 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.).

PALLOTTINE COLLEGE CHAPEL: Mass has resumed at 10.00 a.m. daily. Maximum capacity: **36**.

ALONE COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: 0818 222 024, is open Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.- 8.00p.m. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

TIPPERARY CO. COUNCIL COVID RESPONSE CONTACT NO: 0761 065000.

ASCEND DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE, NORTH TIPPERARY: If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic Abuse, help is available. Please call 0505 23999 or 087 950 1299 (Mon- Fri 9am - 5pm).

AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION: Will take place this weekend, **1st/2nd August 2020**. The money collected in each parish goes to a central diocesan fund from which all the priests are paid. Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your generosity – however we understand if you are unable to contribute during these difficult times.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€3,070.00** received, which benefits the upkeep and maintenance (e.g. heat and light for the streaming of our daily Mass) of our Churches. **There are no Collection Bags during these times of Covid Restriction. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral.** We appreciate your goodwill and generosity when you have so many demands on you and your families. Many thanks.

ON-LINE DONATIONS: An online donate feature for parishes is now live and available for use on the Diocesan website - <https://cashel-emly.ie/donate/> We hope that this new method of giving will offer Thurles parishioners an accessible means to donate to our parish either on a one-off or regular basis, if required. This facility allows for a Covid-19-friendly option for parishioners to contribute online at a time convenient to them.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES 2020

The young people from our Parish Schools will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral of the Assumption on the following dates:

Thursday August 20th, **10.00 a.m.:** Rahealty N.S.

Thursday August 20th, **1.00 p.m.:** Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary School.

Friday August 21st, **10.00 a.m.:** Gaelscoil Bhríde.

Friday August 21st, **1.00 p.m.:** Presentation Primary School.

Saturday August 22nd, **10.00 a.m.:** Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S. Primary School.

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For the confirmation ceremonies only the young person for Confirmation, One Sponsor and the Parents/Guardians may attend. Thank you for being so understanding during these times of restriction due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2020

The Children from our Parish Schools will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Cathedral of the Assumption on the following dates:

Saturday October 3rd, **10.00 a.m.:** C.B.S. Scoil Ailbhe.

Saturday October 3rd, **12.30 p.m.:** Presentation Primary.

Saturday October 3rd, **2.30 p.m.:** Scoil Angela Ursuline Primary.

Saturday October 10th, **10.00 a.m.:** Leugh N.S. & Rahealty N.S.

Saturday October 10th, **12 noon:** Gaelscoil Bhríde.

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Megan Frances Quinlan, Athnid. *John Ger Ryan, Seskin, Killinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Gary O'Brien, Moyne Road & Chapelfield, Urlingford. †Margaret (Peg) Hanafin née Ryan (Agent), Sue Ryder Homes, Holycross, Blackwater, Wexford & formerly Rossa Street. †Phil Blake, Moyneard, Moyne. †Marie Long, née Carroll, Dublin & Killenaule. †Bill Baron, Fleetwood, England.

May they Rest in Peace.