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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.

**Bóthar na Naomh Church** is now open for Sunday Mass only at **9.00 a.m. every Sunday and this Mass will also 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 is divided into two sections. People will be guided by stewards to enter the Church through the specified door and sit only where the seats are clearly displayed by **Yellow 'X'**. Stewards will continue to guide people in an orderly manner to Communion, maintaining social distancing. Eucharistic ministers and priests will distribute Communion behind screens for everybody's safety. **The Eucharist can be distributed on the hands only.** Once the maximum capacity of 60 has been reached the doors will be closed (not locked), and a notice indicating full capacity will be displayed. 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 so people are invited to socially distance outside if necessary where there will be an opportunity to receive Communion at the main door. As indicated a few weeks ago also a Radio link will shortly be installed similar to that in the Cathedral. Also, a gentle reminder that face coverings are now strongly recommended for indoor settings. **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**  
**CATHEDRAL: DAILY MASSES (incl. weekends): 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.**  
**BÓTHAR NA NAOMH CHURCH: Sundays 9.00 a.m.**

**FOR OUR STREAMING SERVICE ON-LINE** [www.thurlesparish.ie](http://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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 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).

**CEMETERY MASSES:** Following the most recent meeting of the Munster Bishops it was decided that it is inadvisable to hold Cemetery Masses at this time due to the present situation. Following this advice there will be no Cemetery Masses in Thurles Parish this year. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**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**.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN: Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> - Mass Times: Cathedral 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.**

**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 - 0505 23999 or 087 950 1299 (Mon- Fri 9am - 5pm).

**AUGUST CLERGY COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this Collection. **€6,125.00** was received. Jim, Joe & Vincent say 'thank you' for your continued support on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese. We greatly appreciate your generosity but we understand if you are unable to contribute towards the Clergy Collection at present.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION:** We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - **€2,713.00** 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.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, **10.00 a.m.:** Rahealty N.S.

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

Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>, **10.00 a.m.:** Gaelscoil Bhríde.

Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>, **1.00 p.m.:** Presentation Primary School.

Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, **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.*

**NEWLY BAPTISED:** \*Lara Emily Fewer, Rosemount. \*Tadhg Donal Joseph Egan, The Bungalow, Brittas. \*Henry Thomas O'Dwyer, Cabragh Road.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** †Michelle Power, Thomond Road & Monakeeba. †Martina Cawley, Drogheda, Co. Louth formerly Thurles. †Dan McCormack, Pallas, Borrisoleigh.

*May they Rest in Peace.*