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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL...

Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued patience and co-operation within these on-going Covid restrictions. As these uncertain times continue, and Covid numbers are tentatively increasing, it is vital that we all stay committed to providing a safe environment for all to flourish in faith within our churches.

The Cathedral of the Assumption is open for private prayer each day from 11.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There are two daily masses at 11am and 7pm, including Sunday, with a maximum capacity of 150 people (50 in each section). All Cathedral Masses are live-streamed.

Bothar na Naomh Church is open daily for private prayer from 9.00 a.m. until 2pm and every Sunday for Mass at 9am, with a maximum capacity of 70 people (35 in each section). The 9.00 a.m. Mass is also live streamed from Bóthar na Naomh Church. We apologise that the Radio Link from Bóthar na Naomh Church has been delayed but will be available soon.

We would like to remind the congregation to continue to **sit on the X**, as these are clearly marked for social distancing. It is ok for families to sit alongside each other in the pews. Adherence to social distancing guidelines is paramount, as are hand hygiene measures. **We appeal to everybody to avoid movement between zones before, during and after services** The use of face coverings is now mandatory for indoor settings however we understand that some people are exempted from this regulation. Vulnerable members of our community may have a preference to continue viewing Mass on-line, as dispensation from the Sunday and Holyday obligation is extended for the foreseeable future. It is hoped that each person will consider attending a maximum of one mass per week to dispel the possibility of larger crowds attending any given mass, particularly at the weekend.

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 or Google twitch → thurles parish live. Radio transmission also at 11.00 a.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: Please contact the Parish Office for information.

PARISH OFFICE: Monday – Friday, 11.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m., lunch 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION FOR HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection. If you would like to contribute to this collection you can place your envelope in the Donation Boxes in either church.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for your Weekly Offertory Contributions - €2,894.00 received. **There are no Collection Bags during these times of Covid Restriction. Donation Boxes for the Weekly Offertory Collection are placed around the Cathedral and Bóthar na Naomh Church**



CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP ELECT, KILMORE DIOCESE - MARTIN HAYES

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and the people of Thurles parish, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Martin Hayes who this **Sunday, September 20th** will be consecrated as Bishop of Kilmore Diocese. We congratulate his family on this great occasion and acknowledge the great honour it is for them, Moycarkey, Littleton & Two-Mile-Borris Parish, Thurles Parish and Cashel & Emly Archdiocese. Fr. Martin, a native of New Hill, Two-Mile-Borris, served for many years in Thurles, initially in Bóthar Na Naomh, and later as Parish

Administrator. Some of his lasting legacies include the development of Lámh Chúnta and establishment of the Parish Pastoral Council. His appointment as Director of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning involved the development of the Listening Process over the past three years, thereby continuing Pastoral Planning across the Diocese. This has been invaluable work in preparing our Parishes to better meet the needs and challenges for the future. We extend all our best wishes to Martin as he steps into a new chapter of his life and there will always be a welcome here for you in Thurles, and hopefully in a Covid-free future, the parish will celebrate with you in person.

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS OF BISHOP-ELECT MARTIN HAYES

The Episcopal Ordination Mass for Bishop-elect Martin Hayes will take place at **3.00pm** this **Sunday, 20 September 2020**, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick & Saint Felim, Cavan, Diocese of Kilmore. The Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, will be the Principal Consecrator and will preach the homily. His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, with Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly SMA, will be the co-consecrators for this Episcopal Ordination.

Digital broadcast of ceremony on northern-sound.ie from 3.00pm on Sunday:

Radio Broadcast by Northern Sound online on www.northern-sound.ie.

Livestream: The cathedral website <https://cavantownparish.com>

"The Church of the future is about the increased involvement of lay people; of people and priests working together. My brief, initially, will be to listen, learn and draw upon my recent experience of pastoral planning" - Bishop-elect Martin Hayes

NEWLY BAPTISED: *Jack Alexander Kerstin, Slievenamon Meadows.

RECENTLY DECEASED: †Eddie Cooke, Croke Street. Funeral Mass this Sunday, Cathedral @ 11.00 a.m. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. †Malachy Cullagh, Kevinspark, Littleton. †Eamonn Rice, Ayresshire, Scotland formerly Belfast. †Sr. Patrick Joseph Leamy, Roskeen, Drombane & Swords, Co. Dublin.

May They Rest in Peace.

Father of all, you have formed the entire human family over many generations. Give us a new familial care for each of the creatures you have made, indeed for all life on our planet.

