

Fossa Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee offer “Céad Míle Fáilte” to all our visitors. We invite you to consider supporting the upkeep of our Christ, the Prince of Peace Church and grounds by means of our “Donate a Slate” campaign as outlined in the Porch. Míle buíochas.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest: Let us now bring our needs before God, who calls us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son.**

1. For Christians: that they may be watchful and faithful disciples of Christ.  
*Lord, hear us.*
2. For world leaders: that in the midst of conflict and division, God may turn their minds to thoughts of peace.  
*Lord, hear us.*
3. For grace that the money being spent on weapons of war may be spent instead on the relief of poverty and hunger.  
*Lord, hear us.*
4. For our departed relatives and friends, especially Marie Murphy, Aughacurreen, that the Lord may welcome them into his kingdom.  
*Lord, hear us.*
6. For our own special needs.  
*Lord, hear us.*

**Priest: Heavenly Father, may your Son at his coming strengthen us, so that we may shun the works of darkness, and walk in the light of truth and goodness. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.**

Tuesday	-	7.00pm
Wednesday	<i>Vigil</i>	7.30pm
Thursday	<i>Holy Day</i>	10.00am
Friday	-	7.30pm
Saturday	<i>Vigil</i>	7.30pm
Sunday	-	10.00am

**N.B.** Next Thursday 8th December is a Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Note the times of Masses on Weds & Thurs.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €1,257.85 in support of our Parish for the last two weeks. *Míle Buíochas.*

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend 3rd/4th December is in aid of **The Diocesan Youth Service.**

**MUNSTER FINAL**

A huge occasion for our parish as the Fossa Senior Men play Kilmurry of Cork in the Munster Final of the Junior Premier Championship on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1pm in Mallow. Please get your colours out and all support on the day is welcome. Fossa abú.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:** There will be a church gate collection next weekend 10th/11th Dec for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

**PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES**

Timmy Buckley, Villa Maria	-	Sat 3rd Dec 7.30pm
Bridie & Pat O’Rahilly	-	Sun 4th Dec 10.00am
Maureen Burke	-	Tues 6th Dec 7.00pm
Mary & Timothy O’Brien	-	Weds 7th Dec 7.30pm
Anne Marie McGibney & Rose McMahan	-	Fri 9th Dec 7.30pm
Timothy Buckley, Gortaree, (Months Mind)	-	Sat 10th Dec 7.30pm
Rose McMahan	-	Sun 11th Dec 10.00am

**ADVENT (Year A)**

Today marks the second Sunday of Advent, when we continue our preparation for the Birthday of Jesus. Two important sets of symbols are the Jesse Tree and The Advent Wreath.

The **Jesse Tree** is a way of tracing the “royal roots” of Jesus. In his humanity, Jesus is descended from King David, and Jesse was King David’s Father. The Jesse Tree tells the story of God’s chosen people up to the time when Jesus was born.

The **Advent Wreath** counts down the weeks to Christmas, as the 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle are lit. The four candles are laid within the circle of evergreens, reminding us that God is without beginning or end. At home or in a space in the church, choose to mark each week, by building up the light, a symbol of Christ’s light permeating the darkness.

On Christmas Day we place a white candle in the centre of the wreath to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

**TRÓCAIRE’S GIFTS OF LOVE**

These are practical, ethical and life-changing gifts that support some of the poorest communities in the world to work their way out of poverty. Gifts include seed and tools, solar lamps, school kits and lunches, winter essentials and family food baskets. Gifts start at €5. More information: 1800408408, [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). Gifts may be purchased also at the Friary Office, Killarney.

**REFLECTION**

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice. There are many lonely voices in our world, coming not only from the prophets, but also from the victims of injustice and neglect. Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen to your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one another.

**FINAL BLESSING**

May you know the happiness of those who walk in God’s way. May the Lord turn the darkness before you into light, and rough places into level ground. And may you always believe that God will fulfil the promises he has made to us in Christ.







