

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. Mile buíochas.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God is faithful to his word and true to his promises. With confidence, then, let us bring our needs before him.

1. For the Pope and the Bishops: that they may be strong, loving and wise in their leadership of the Church. *Lord, hear us.*
2. For those who are working for the relief of suffering in others: that they may know comfort themselves. *Lord, hear us.*
3. For prisoners: that they may not lose hope. *Lord, hear us.*
4. For the families of our parish community that they may be drawn closer in love and care for each other as they prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth. *Lord, hear us.*
5. For our departed relatives and friends, that the Lord may welcome them into his kingdom. *Lord, hear us.*
6. For our own special needs. *Lord, hear us.*

Priest: God of love and mercy, take pity on our weakness. May the coming of your Son confirm our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.

Tuesday	-	7.00pm
Friday	-	7.30pm
Saturday	<i>Vigil</i>	- 7.30pm
Sunday	-	10.00am

The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €2.50

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €571.65 in support of our Parish for last week.

Diocesan Youth Service collection €114.20 *Míle Buíochas*

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 11th 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 this weekend 10th/11th Dec for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy Buckley, Gortaree, (Months Mind)	-	Sat 10th Dec 7.30pm
Rose McMahon	-	Sun 11th Dec 10.00am
Susan & Mark Leane	-	Tues 13th Dec 7.00pm
Maureen Boyle	-	Sat 17th Dec 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN FOSSA CHURCH

Room at the Inn is a Christmas Concert celebrating the meaning of Christmas through carols, reflections and images. It is on in the Church on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm. Local choirs and musicians will be joined by a Ukrainian choir to provide a moment of joy and a message of hope. The event is free but donations are kindly accepted in support of the Autism Unit in Fossa National School.

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. Gifts may be purchased also at the Friary Office, Killarney.

“In the end it is not the years in your life that counts, but the life in your years”.
(Abraham Lincoln)

*“If you want to go fast walk alone,
If you want to go far walk together.”* (African prayer)

REFLECTION

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind. A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of the person who is easily influenced, and who has no convictions of his/her own. Still, we can learn something from the humble reed. The fact that it is able to bend means that the greatest storm cannot uproot it. Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

FINAL BLESSING

May you be brave in times of trial.
May you never lose faith in God’s love for you.
And may you be good witnesses for the Gospel by the love and joy you radiate.

