

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Mindful of God's love for us, we make our prayers with confidence.

1. For the baptized, may they always live as followers of Jesus Christ. *Lord, hear us.*
2. For the children preparing for Confirmation, may the Lord bless them as his witnesses. *Lord, hear us.*
3. For parents and families, may our homes be places of love, kindness and forgiveness. *Lord, hear us.*
4. For teachers and priests, for all who help in preparation for the sacrament. *Lord, hear us.*
5. For our own personal prayers. *Lord, hear us.*

Priest: For those who have died. *Lord, hear us.*

Priest: Heavenly father, send your Spirit into our hearts so that we may become your faithful witnesses in our world. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.

Tuesday	-	7.00pm
Thursday	<i>Vigil</i>	- 7.30pm
Friday	<i>Feast Day</i>	- 10.30pm
Saturday	<i>Vigil</i>	- 7.30pm
Sunday	-	10.00am

The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €3.00

N.B. Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €688.45 in support of our Parish last week.

The Irish Church Commission and Agencies collection amounted to €122.62. *Míle Buíochas.*

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

The ceremony of Enrolment takes place this weekend Sunday 3rd Dec at 10.00am Mass. We pray that it will be a blessed time for the candidates and their families.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: There will be a church gate collection next weekend 9th / 10th Dec for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

FOSSA LEGION OF MARY

New members most welcome. Meeting on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the Parish Office in Church carpark.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy Buckley, Villa Maria	- Sat 2nd Dec 7.30pm
Maureen Burke	- Sun 3rd Dec 10.00am
Billy O'Brien (Month's Mind)	- Tues 5th Dec 7.00pm
Anne Marie McGibney & Rose McMahon	- Sat 9th Dec 7.30pm
Rose McMahon	- Sun 10th Dec 10.00am

ADVENT (Year A)

From this Sunday onwards we begin the Season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth 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.

ROOM AT THE INN

Christmas Concert in Fossa Church, Sunday 17th December at 7pm. Featuring various choirs, singers, musicians and readers from the parish, and including a large screen. Donations for Fossa National School Autism Unit and the Kenya Education Project.

REFLECTION

Isaiah invites us to go up to the mountain of the Lord.
But who will climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who will stand in his holy place?
"Those who walk without fault and who act with justice.
Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things,
But whose delight is in the law of the Lord"
Lord, send forth your light and your truth:
Let these be our guide.
Let them bring us to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell

FINAL BLESSING

May the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in you.
May the Lord, who is faithful, strengthen and guard you from the evil one.
May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness so that you may be blameless in his sight.

