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: 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, Mary Tangney, (nee Dennehy) Beaufort and late of Grenagh 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 CHURC	CH THIS WEEK.	The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the
Tuesday		- 7.00pm	church. Price €3.00
Friday	Feast Day	- 10.30pm	
Saturday	Vigil	- 7.30pm	
Sunday	_	- 10.00am	
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €663.92 in support of our Parish last week. *Mile Buiochas*.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

The Golden Jubilee of the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Assisted pilgrims will take place from Thursday 29th August to Tuesday 3rd September 2024. More Information to follow early in 2024.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR RECOVERY HAVEN CANCER SUPPORT

Mary Culloty O' Sullivan presents an evening of Carols and Poetry in the Avenue Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday 13th December 7.30pm Special Guests 'Finding Your Voice Singers'. Free entry. Donations/ Raffle in aid of Recovery Haven Cancer Support Services.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Anne Marie McGibney & Rose McMahon Rose McMahon Susan Leane & son Mark

Sat 9th Dec 7.30pmSun 10th Dec 10.00am

- Tues 12th Dec 7.00pm

ADVENT (Year B)

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.

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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

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.

"A friend is someone who can see right through you and still enjoy the show".