

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 Michael D. (Mickey) Sweeney, Tomies, Beaufort that the Lord may welcome them into his kingdom.
Lord, hear us.

5. 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.	<div>The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €3.00</div>
Tuesday - 7.00pm	
Friday - 7.30pm	
Saturday <i>Vigil</i> - 7.30pm	
Sunday - 10.00am	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €814.36 in support of our Parish last week including the Holy Day. *Míle Buíochas.*

UPDATE ON THE “CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME”
We are happy to report that we have received a further sum of €892.26 giving a total sum of €11,977.31 from the tax back scheme for last year. The parish wishes to thank the Parishioners who so generously support the Parish Envelope Scheme. *Míle Buíochas.*

THE SAMARITANS will be holding their Church gate collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

CHRISTMASS CONFESSIONS will be available after Masses for the next two Masses.

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.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Missa pro Populo

Donie Kissane

Maureen Boyle

- Sun 17th Dec 10.00am

- Fri 22nd Dec 7.30pm

- Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm Sunday evening 24th Dec. This will be a **Family/Children’s Mass**. Families are asked to sit together and to bring the Baby Jesus from their family crib for blessing.

Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday 25th Dec at 10.00am.

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.

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP FOSSA

A newly formed “Climate Action Group Fossa” are organising a “Community Sustainability Fair”. Sunday 28th January 2024 3.00pm - 5.00pm. at Fossa Community Centre. Information, exhibitions, demonstrations.

What more can we do? Reducing waste, restoring nature and lowering C02.

How to reduce household waste, make your garden more nature friendly, bury less fossil fuels.

“Our Community, your future”. More details to follow.

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.

We spend their first twelve months teaching children to walk and talk.

We spend the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.

