

Happy New Year to all in Fossa and to all visitors to our Parish during the Christmas season from the Parish Liturgy Group, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Clerk and the Parish Priest.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:** The baptism of Jesus helps us to appreciate the greatness of our own baptism. Let us pray for the grace to live up to our own baptism.

1. For all Christians: that they may strive to live up to the dignity conferred on them in baptism.  
*Lord hear us.*
2. For our political and civil leaders: that they may see truly and act rightly.  
*Lord hear us.*
3. For those who are suffering persecution because of their belief in Christ: that they may have the strength to continue witnessing to him. *Lord hear us.*
4. For our families: that the New Year may be a time of joy and blessing for all.  
*Lord, hear us.*
5. For all our departed relatives and friends that they may dwell in the presence of God forever.  
*Lord, hear us.*
6. For our special needs. *Lord, hear us.*

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world to lead us out from sin and death, and to show us the way to your kingdom. Help us to follow him with courage and steadfastness, so that we may reach the glory you have prepared for us. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK			The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €3.00
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 €772.36 support of our Parish last week. *Míle Buíochas.*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 13th /14th January** is for the Needs of the Holy Land.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING.** You may return your Christmas Offering Envelopes over these weekends. The priests salary is reached through the envelope donations during the year - Spring, Easter, Autumn, November and Christmas Offerings. Sincere thanks to all of you who support the Parish Priest.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES		
John, Margaret & Jimmy O’Sullivan	-	Sun 7th Jan 10.00am
Terence Moriarty & his father Patrick	-	Tues 9th Jan 7.00pm
Maurice Nagle, & Timothy & Matilda McCarthy	-	Fri 12th Jan 7.30pm
Daniel O’Carroll	-	Sat 13th Jan 7.30pm
Tony Devine	-	Sun 14th Jan 10.00am

**OUR PARISH CRIB 2023** This year’s designated charity will aid the Adapt Kerry Women’s Refuge, Tralee.

**FOSSA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** thank all who work so hard all year round in looking after our Parish Church together with all who help prepare our Liturgies - Fossa Parish Liturgy Group, Our Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Music and Cantors, Finance Committee, Collectors, Our Parish Clerk, those who prepare the Newsletter, Altar Linen and flowers, Child Safeguarding.

**DIOCESAN MISSION 2024**  
The diocesan mission, *Hope Alive!*, will take place from Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Adi Roche, Dr Michael Conway, Dr Keith Gaynor and Mellett. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** wish to thank all those who contributed to their Christmas Church gate collection.

REFLECTION

Baptism is not over and done with  
the day we were taken to the font.  
We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.  
We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters  
we are purified of all that is false and useless.  
We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters  
we grow in humility and compassion.  
We are baptised by joy; in its gurgling waters  
we experience the goodness of life.  
We are baptised by love; in its singing waters  
we blossom like flowers in the sun.  
Baptism is like the planting of a seed.  
It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

FINAL BLESSING

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness and keep you blameless in his sight.  
May the Lord keep you steadfast in faith and courageous in witnessing to the Gospel.  
May the Lord, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, strengthen and support you with his grace.







