

Fossa Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee offer “Céad Mile 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: God hears the prayers of the humble. Let us bring our petitions before him with humility and confidence.

- 1. For all Christians: that they may bear their sufferings in a way that gives hope and courage to others. *Lord, hear us.*
- 2. For those in authority: that they may promote peace and goodwill among people. *Lord, hear us.*
- 3. For all who care for the sick, whether at home, in nursing homes, or in hospital. *Lord, hear us.*
- 4. For all gathered here: that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of those around us, and ensure that they do not have to carry their cross alone. *Lord, hear us.*
- 5. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones that they may know God’s consolation in their sorrows. *Lord, hear us.*
- 6. For our own special needs. We pray in faith. *Lord, hear us.*

Priest: God of love, help us to learn from your Son, who shows us your compassion in the face of human suffering, and how to combine action and prayer. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday	-	7.00pm
Wednesday <i>Ash Weds</i>	-	9.30am
7.30pm		
Friday	-	7.30pm
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. ASH WEDNESDAY 14th Feb is next Wednesday. This is the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of fasting and prayer.

LOURDES HELPERS. The second collection takes place this weekend 10th/11th February. This collection helps the sick on their pilgrimage to Lourdes.

SAINT VALENTINE’S DAY Feb 14th – *AMORIS LAETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE*

Saint Valentine was a widely recognized 3rd-century Roman saint commemorated on Feb 14 and since the High Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love and Patron Saint of courting couples. Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome who ministered to Christians, who were persecuted there.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Lena Dennehy	-	Sat 10th Feb 7.30pm
Thomas (Tom) O’Reilly (1st Anniv)	-	Sun 11th Feb 10.00am
Tom Long (1st Anniv)	-	Sun 11th Feb 10.00am
Marie & Albert Klausner	-	Weds 14th Feb 7.30pm
Tim Moriarty	-	Fri 16th Feb 7.30pm
Ann & Michael Murphy	-	Sat 17th Feb 7.30pm
Donal Kissane	-	Sun 18th Feb 10.00am

IN HIS PASTORAL LETTER: Bishop Ray invites parishioners to participate in a consultation process as part of the diocesan planning process. Parish gatherings will be held in all parishes towards the end of February to facilitate this. Volunteers across the diocese have been trained to organise these gatherings. In consultation with the Parish Priest or Moderator, they will identify a date and venue for the gathering in the parish. **Link for training session for facilitators:** <https://youtu.be/aTby9RgEvCQ>

THE DIOCESE OF KERRY WILL HOST A WEBINAR, *First Holy Communion – Journeying with your Child, on Wednesday, Feb 21st,* for all parents and guardians of children preparing for First Communion. The guest speaker is Dr Patricia Kieran, parent and lecturer at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Register for the webinar on www.dioceseofkerry.ie

THE WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE takes place in Ireland on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, thus Friday 16 February this year.

REFLECTION *(prayer of an American Indian)*

O Great Spirit,
whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to the world.
I come to you as one of your many children.
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and your wisdom.
May I walk in beauty.
Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made,
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may know
the things you have taught your children,
the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
Make me strong,
so that I may not be superior to other people,
but able to fight my greatest enemy,
which is my myself.
Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes,
so that when life fades as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.

