

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. Mile buíochas.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- Priest:** As we mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the war in Ukraine this weekend,
- We pray for the Church and its leaders, that they may speak words of truth and justice, act with compassion and be a sign of Christ’s love for all those who are suffering. *Lord, hear us.*
  - We pray for world leaders, that they may work together so that peace may flourish. *Lord, hear us.*
  - We pray for all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine at this time. May they know God’s presence and peace in the midst of their fears. *Lord, hear us.*
  - May the challenge of Lent inspire us to do something to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless poor. *Lord, hear us.*
  - For those who have died that the Lord may welcome them into our heavenly home. *Lord, hear us.*
  - For our own special needs. *Lord, hear us.*

**Priest:** God of mercy, look with compassion on us who are weak and prone to evil. Grant that enlightened by your word, we may have the strength to overcome all evil. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday	-	7.00pm
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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €908.75 in support of our Parish last week. *Mile Buíochas.*

**FOSSA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** A meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

**THE KNOCK AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** The dates for our Knock and Lourdes pilgrimages are : **Knock**, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. **Lourdes**, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. This year we hope to have all elements of our **Lourdes Pilgrimage**: The assisted-pilgrims, a full team to care for them, youth from some Secondary Schools, and ordinary pilgrims.

**FOSSA CLIMATE ACTION GROUP** would like to thank you for supporting our Sustainability Fair. Donations €380.00 which covers our cost.

*“Great things happen when men and mountains meet,  
this does not happen while jostling on the street” (William Blake)*

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Kelliher	- Sat 24th Feb 7.30pm
Tony McCarthy	- Sun 25th Feb 10.00am
Michael Moynihan	- Fri 1st March 7.30pm
Mick & Dora Walsh & their son Philip	- Sat 2nd March 7.30pm
John Cronin	- Sun 3rd March 10.00am

**BEAUFORT RAMBLING HOUSE** in Beaufort Community Hall on Sat. 9th March. Teas and refreshments. Doors open at 8pm.

PARISH GATHERING

In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*”, Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish. As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

- Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE

Interested in coming to Taizé this June? The diocese will be taking a group of young adults on this amazing pilgrimage from Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Please contact Tomás Kenny for more information on 086 3683778 or email Tomás at [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie).

REFLECTION (Adapted from Joyce Rupp)

May the door of my inner home be wide enough  
to receive those who hunger for kindness,  
those who are lonely, or isolated from friendship.  
May it welcome those who have cares to unburden,  
and pain to express.  
May the door of my heart be narrow enough  
to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.  
May the door of my heart be closed to harshness  
and indifference.  
May the threshold of my heart be for all who enter  
the doorway to understanding, acceptance and compassion

FINAL BLESSING

May you never forget that we are but pilgrims on the earth, and that our true home is in heaven.  
May you live lives that are worthy of the glory to which you are called.  
And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.







