

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: Let us pray to God for our own needs, the needs of our country, and the world.

1. For grace to keep alive Patrick’s vision for Ireland as a country known for its generosity towards the needy, and its hospitality towards the stranger. *Lord, hear us.*

2. For those who have come to Ireland from other countries: that they may experience warmth and welcome. *Lord, hear us.*

3. Lord, we pray for all those in places of conflict, natural disaster and injustice. Give them the strength to cope with the challenges they face. *Lord, hear us.*

4. We pray that all of us may have the courage to work for a world where all women experience equality and justice. *Lord, hear us.*

5. For all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith: especially Kathleen Cronin, Chicago and Aghadoe that they may rest in the peace of God. *Lord, hear us.*

Priest: God of power and love, grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our doubts your guidance, in all our weaknesses your strength, in all our sorrows your consolation, and in all our dangers your protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK		The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €3.00 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Tuesday evening at 6pm before 7pm Mass
Tuesday	- 7.00pm	
Friday	- 7.30pm	
Saturday	<i>Vigil</i> - 7.30pm	
Sunday	- 10.00am	

ST. PATRICK’S DAY (Sunday 17th March) We wish all our Parishioners and Irish people all over the world a Happy and Blessed St. Patrick’s Day.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €1,254.26 in support of our Parish last week. *Míle Buíochas.*

MACNAMH - LÚIREACH PHÁDRAIG

“St. Patrick’s Breastplate”, a powerful prayer- traditionally attributed to our patron Saint Patrick, is bursting with hope and positivity. Reciting this prayer every morning would surely propel us up and out of bed, ready to face a new day!

*“I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation...
“I arise today, through the strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, the radiance of the moon”.*

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES	
Maureen McKenna	- Sun 17th March 10.00am
Pat Sweeney (1st Anniv)	- Fri 22nd March 7.30pm
Kathleen McAuliffe (1st Anniv)	- Sat 23rd March 7.30pm
Andrew Power (1st Anniv)	- Sun 24th March 10.00am

SECOND COLLECTION will be for **the Emigrant Services** this weekend 16th/17th March.

THE LEGION OF MARY Acies will be on Sunday the 24th of March at 3pm in Fossa Church. All Welcome.

Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig
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Ainm oirdhearc gléigeal, solas mór an tsaoil é.
D’fhill le soiscéal grá dúinn ainneoin blianta ’ngéibheann.
Grá mór Mhac na páirte d’fhuascail cách ón daor-bhroid.

Sléibhte, gleannta, maighe ’s bailte mór na hÉireann:
Ghlan sé iad go deo dúinn, míle glór dár naomh dhil.
Iarr’mid ort, a Phádraig, guí orainn na Gaela,
Dial inn lá ’gus oíche ’s Pádraig aspal Éireann.

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand, Christ with me where’re I go, Christ around, above, below.
Christ be in my heart and mind,

Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne’er de-part.
Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day; Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and shepherd to the end.

Hail Glorious Saint Patrick
Hail Glorious Saint Patrick dear saint of our isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile,
And now thou art high in the mansions above,
On Erin’s green valleys look down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the dear land of our birth,
Where shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth, Our hearts shall still burn wheresoever we roam,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.

REFLECTION

Patrick was a humble, prayerful person. He had a great capacity to forgive and a deep love for people. The faith he preached brought hope and vision into the lives of those who embraced it, inspiring in them a spirit of sacrifice and service. Lord, may we embrace the Gospel, not as a burden, but as a source of liberation. And may we experience joy in living it.

FINAL BLESSING

May the power of God uphold you, and the wisdom of God instruct you.
May the hand of God protect you, and the light of God guide you.
May the shield of God defend you, and the angels of God watch over you.

