

*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.***

**MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.**

Tuesday	- 7.00 pm
Friday	- 7.30pm
Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	- 7.30pm
Sunday	- 10.00 am

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 € 1,611.56 in support of our Parish for the last week.

**CONFESSION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER 7.30 MASS on Sat. 13th Dec. & Sat. 20th Dec..**

**ROOM AT THE INN** is the annual *Christmas Concert held in Fossa Church*. This year it's on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 6.30**, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Solstice. The evening is about the Nativity Story - *The Manger, The Message and The Meaning* and it's told through music, carols, readings and large-screen images. In the busy-ness of Christmas, it is an enjoyable and special moment for all the community. Donations in aid of **The Autism Unit Fossa NS** and the **Kenya Education Project**.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**

" SVP Killarney will hold their Annual Christmas Churchgate Collection on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

***ALONE** the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 please or see **ALONE.ie/Volunteer** for more info.*

**SAMARITANS OF KERRY**

The forthcoming church gate collections will be taking place on **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day** in all Kerry Parishes.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Advent calls us to stop and think. But for nearly everyone the season of advent is also the busiest time of the year. There is so much to be done to prepare for Christmas, cards, presents, the planning of meals, hospitality in general. Leaving aside whether we need to do all this and whether it could not all be simplified, the actuality of most lives during Advent is emphatically not one of contemplation. We can benefit from moments each day, that we set aside just to keep ourselves grounded in faith. It is Jesus and his birth that we celebrate, not just togetherness. Can we still enter into the spirit of Advent, this holy season.

**PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES**

John Dineen	- Sat 13th Dec. 7.30 pm
Susan & Mark Leane	- Sun.14th Dec.10.00 am
Norrie Buxton (nee O Sullivan)	- Tues 16th Dec. 7.00 pm
Missa Pro Populo	- Fri. 19th Dec. 7.30 pm
Maureen Boyle	- Sat. 20th Dec. 7.30 pm
Donie Kissane & deceased members of Kissane & O'Meara Families	- Sun. 21st Dec. 10.00am

**REFLECTION**

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.  
A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol  
of those who are easily influenced,  
who go along with whatever is popular,  
and who have no convictions of their own.  
But the humble wreath can teach us something.  
The fact that it is light means that it is  
at the mercy of every wind that blows.  
But it has great strength too.  
The greatest storm cannot uproot it.  
Even when giant oaks come crashing down,  
the slender reed still stands secure.  
Lord, teach us that there is strength  
in weakness and suppleness,  
and give us the wisdom to know  
when to bend and when to stand firm.

**FINAL BLESSING**

Eternal God, listen to our prayer and in this time of watchful preparation for the coming of your Son grant us a measure of that peace and joy which his presence alone brings.  
We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God Bless, *Fr. Noel* 087-2935969







