

Happy Christmas 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.

**MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.**

Tuesday	- 7.00 pm
Wednesday	<i>Christmas Eve Vigil &amp; visit from Santa</i> - 7.30 pm
Thursday	<i>Christmas Day</i> - 10.00 am
Friday	No Mass
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 € 710.47 in support of our Parish for the last week.

The 4th 2024 **Tax Refund** has been processed and an additional €1,523. 95 has been refunded to Fossa Parish bringing the total refunded to €11,692.45

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

**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.

**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**.

*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](http://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.

*We are each gifted in a unique and important way.  
It is our privilege and our adventure  
to discover our own special light.*

**PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES**

Maureen Boyle	- Sat. 20th Dec. 7.30 pm
Donie Kissane & deceased members of Kissane & O'Meara Families	- Sun. 21st Dec. 10.00am
John, Noreen , Eileen & Marie Murphy	- Tues. 23rd Dec. 7.00 pm
People of Parish	- Sat. 27th Dec. 7.30 pm
Private Intentions	- Sun. 28th Dec. 10.00 am

**BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS CRIB**

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become man. You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility. We pray to you now to bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth: may it draw us closer to him. By imitating his humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for his rebirth. Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.

**REFLECTION**

As Christmas approaches, people's hope's soar  
However, the substance of these hopes  
is often dictated by commercial interests.  
Little wonder then, that when the sun goes down  
on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed.  
Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise  
Will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little,  
But too much - of the wrong thing.  
What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels  
announced to the shepherds:  
'Behold, I bring news of a great Joy;  
Today a saviour has been born to you.'  
This joy is the real hope of Christmas.  
Let us open our hearts to receive us.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS .** We wish all our parishioners a Happy Christmas. Special thanks to our Parish Council, our Finance committee, Liturgy Group, Choir and those who help in our parish during the year. *Mile Buiochas*

God Bless, *Fr. Noel 087-2935969*







