

Fossa Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee offer "C ad M le F ilte" 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.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday	- 7.00 pm	The Irish Catholic is available at the back of the church. Price €3.50
Friday	- 7.30 pm	
Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	- 7.30pm	
Sunday	- 10.00 am	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION : Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €576.33 in support of our parish for the last week. *Mile Buiochas*

TR CAIRE : Collected to Date €1,881.00. Thank you.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE is recited every Friday evening before 7.30 pm Mass.

Our annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on **Saturday August 22nd**, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Many people look forward to this day each year, a day of faith, community, and friendship. The month of May is a good time to begin advertising it in newsletters. Many parishes choose to combine and arrange a bus as a pastoral area. If any parish wishes to supply a choir, or solo singers it will be much appreciated. Otherwise Knock will supply the music. Thank you to the choir from Killorglin who were with us last year. If you have parish flags, bring them along.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on June 10th to 15th is almost three months earlier than usual. It will involve assisted pilgrims and their support team, the youth section and ordinary pilgrims, almost 200 in all.

Join us for our Ladies' Crafting Group!

Monday, 25th May at 10.30am, we meet on the 4th Monday of each month. This group is for women who are hard of hearing, and offers a fun, supportive, and inclusive space to learn new skills, enjoy great conversation, and make connections. Come along for company, creativity, and a cup of tea! **Monday 25th May - 10.30am-12.30am Location Chime unit 1b Park place, High Street Killarney V93 CDP9 Contact: 064 6620052 or 0860105200**

*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

Gene Moriarty	- Sat 23rd May 7.30 pm
Eileen Guerin & her sister Angela Myers	- Sun.24th May 10.00 am
Eileen McCormick (<i>Month Mind</i>)	- Tues. 26th May 7.00 pm
Peggie Sugrue	- Fri. 29th May 7.30 pm
Danny & Nellie Foley	- Sat. 30th May 7.30 pm
Betty Coffey (<i>Month Mind</i>)	- Sun.31st May 10.00 am

REFLECTION

It was late spring and the buds still refused to open.
Tightly wrapped up in themselves, they were as hard as stones.
The wind shook them. The hail beat them.
The frost squeezed them in a fist of iron.
All three shouted, 'Open up! Open up!'
Instead of opening up,
the buds reinforced their shells,
and retreated even more deeply into themselves.
Then along came the sun.
It issued no threats and made no demands.
It just created a more friendly climate.
And what happened ?
Almost overnight the buds began to soften and expand.
Then their shells cracked, and they burst out.
If you love, you are gentle.
And there are certain tasks
which only gentleness can accomplish.

FINAL BLESSING

God of power and love, on Pentecost Day, you sent the Holy Spirit on the Apostles,
And with hearts on fire, they went fourth to preach the gospel to the World.
Grant that we too may experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our World. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless, *Fr. Noel 087-2935969*

