



**Happy New Year 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest:** We confidently pray to God the Father, Son and Spirit, from whom every family on earth takes its name.

1. May the family of the church live like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, filled with faith and trust in God and in harmony with one another. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the Church: that in a world of conflict and division it may be a sign of unity and instrument of peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray that the nations on earth may see themselves as one family under God ready to help one another in times of crisis and need. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Let us pray for family members who are sick or in any difficulty and those away from home. May they have healing and fresh hope for the future. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the dead that God may keep them in his loving care. **Lord, hear us.**

**Priest:** O God, you are the Father of every family. Against you no door can be shut. Convert our homes into fit dwelling places for your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.**

Wednesday	<i>New Years Day</i>	- 10.00am
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

**N.B. No Evening Mass on Tuesday 31st Dec.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €834.32 in support of our Parish last week. **Mile Buíochas.**

**UPDATE ON THE “CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME”**

We are happy to report that we have received a further €943.02 for the Charitable Donation Tax bringing the sum of €11,723.79 from the tax back scheme. The parish wishes to thank the Parishioners who so generously support the Parish Envelope Scheme. **Mile Buíochas**

**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.

**PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill Costelloe	- Sat 28th Dec 7.30pm
Cian Long (Month’s Mind)	- Sun 29th Dec 10.00am
Pat Moriarty & his son Terence	- Fri 3rd Jan 7.30pm
Noreen Clifford	- Sat 4th Jan 7.30pm
Paul Cronin	- Sun 5th Jan 10.00am

**OUR PARISH CRIB 2024** This year’s designated charity will aid the Autism Unit in Fossa National School and relief of famine in Sudan.

**2025, A JUBILEE YEAR IN THE CHURCH.**

A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five years. Pope Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning will be celebrated worldwide on the following Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses that weekend. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. We are asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage.

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

*As we begin a New Year, we wonder what it holds for us.  
Let us put our hand in the hand of Christ, our Brother,  
that will be better than a light, and safer than a known way.  
Lord, give us the kind of faith that will enable us to live out joyfully  
the mercy of our fragile human condition,  
which sees us suspended between earth and heaven,  
between time and eternity, between nothingness and infinity.  
Like the Magi help us to follow your Star. Amen. (Fr. Flor McCarthy)*

**REFLECTION**

As God’s chosen ones,  
We should clothe ourselves with kindness,  
Humility, gentleness, and patience.  
We must bear with one another and forgive one another  
Just as the Lord has forgiven us.  
If we are angry, we must not let the sun go down on our anger.  
Above all, we should clothe ourselves with love,  
And the peace of God, will reign in our hearts and in our homes.

**FINAL BLESSING**

May you treat each other in the same friendly way Christ has treated you.  
May you clothe yourselves in sincere compassion, kindness and patience.  
May your love for one another not be mere words but something real and active.







