



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: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world but to save it. Let us pray to God with confidence for our needs, the needs of the Church, and of the world.

1. For the human family, that it may come to see itself as one family under God.
Lord, hear us.
2. For the sick and lonely: that Christ, who shared our humanity, may enflame their hearts with his love.
Lord, hear us.
3. For ourselves; that we may welcome Christ into our lives with the faith and love of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.
Lord, hear us.
4. For our families: that the New Year may be a time of joy and blessing for all.
Lord, hear us.
5. For our departed relatives and friends that they may dwell in the presence of God forever.
Lord, hear us.
6. For our special needs.
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. Amen.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.

Monday	-	10.00am
Tuesday	-	7.00pm
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. Monday 6th Jan is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass will be at 10.00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Fossa Finance Committee thank you for your contribution of €2,230.41 in support of our Parish last week and Christmas Day. *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

Noreen Clifford	-	Sat 4th Jan 7.30pm
Paul Cronin (1st Anniv)	-	Sun 5th Jan 10.00am
Maurice Nagle, Tim & Matilda McCarthy	-	Fri 10th Jan 7.30pm
Terence Moriarty	-	Sat 11th Jan 7.30pm
Daniel O'Carroll	-	Sun 12th 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.

It was St. Francis of Assisi who assembled the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in the year 1223. His aim was to make the Christmas story come alive for the people of the locality. His idea was to show them how close it was to them and their lives.

And it seems that he succeeded. On Christmas eve the friars and the people assembled with candles and torches around the crib. Francis spoke to the people, who were mostly farmers and shepherds, about God's Son coming among us to teach us that we too are children of God, and that as such we have an eternal destiny.

The shepherds and farmers got the message: God had time for simple folks like them. At the end of the vigil they all returned to their homes, full of peace and joy.

DIOCESAN MISSION 2025

The diocesan mission, *Pilgrims of Hope*, will take place from Sunday Jan 19th – Wednesday Jan 22nd. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Video Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Br Richard Hendrick, Caoimhe de Barra, David Wells and Martina Lehane Sheehan. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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)*

A CELTIC BLESSING

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

