



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: The baptism of Jesus helps us to appreciate the greatness of our own baptism. Let us pray for the grace to live up to our own baptism.

1. For all Christians: that they may strive to live up to the dignity conferred on them in baptism. *Lord hear us.*
2. For our political and civil leaders: that they may see truly and act rightly. *Lord hear us.*
3. For those who are suffering persecution because of their belief in Christ: that they may have the strength to continue witnessing to him. *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 all 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: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world to lead us out from sin and death, and to show us the way to your kingdom. Help us to follow him with courage and steadfastness, so that we may reach the glory you have prepared for us. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

MASS IN THE CHURCH THIS WEE

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

FOSSA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A meeting will take place in the Parish Office on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend 18th/19th January for **The Needs of the Holy Land.**

ROOM AT THE INN CONCERT: raised over €1,200.00 for Fossa N.S. Autism Unit and the Kenya Education Project. Many thanks to the community for supporting the concert, and thanks to all the readers, choirs and musicians.

PARISH MASSES /ANNIVERSARIES

Terence Moriarty	- Sat 11th Jan 7.30pm
Daniel O'Carroll	- Sun 12th Jan 10.00am
David O'Connell	- Tues 14th Jan 7.00pm
John Dineen (Month's Mind)	- Fri 17th Jan 7.30pm.
Elizabeth Foley	- Sat 18th Jan 7.30pm
John, Margaret & Jimmy O'Sullivan	- Sun 19th Jan 10.00am

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

FOSSA/TWO MILE COMHALTAS

JUNIOR SET DANCING CLASSES will resume on Weds 22nd Jan, 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Fossa Community Centre. **TEENAGE SET DANCING CLASSES** will start Weds 22nd Jan 6.45pm to 7.45pm in Fossa Community Centre Registration for both classes will take place Weds 15th Jan 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Fossa Community Centre. For further information contact Tim 087 2413116 or Eileen 087 6284053

REFLECTION

Baptism is not over and done with the day we were taken to the font.
 We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.
 We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.
 We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.
 We are baptised by joy; in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life.
 We are baptised by love; in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.
 Baptism is like the planting of a seed.
 It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

FINAL BLESSING

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness and keep you blameless in his sight.
 May the Lord keep you steadfast in faith and courageous in witnessing to the Gospel.
 May the Lord, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, strengthen and support you with his grace.

