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 SPA PARISH CHURCHILL/FENIT

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Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024

Gaudete Sunday




EMERGENCY CALLS: Saturday & Sunday are covered by the priests of the Tralee Pastoral Area (St. John's, Our Lady & St. Brendan's & Spa).


The priest on duty this weekend (14th/15th December) is Fr. Mark Moriarty. Phone: 087 2069656

The priest on duty next weekend (21st/22nd December) is Fr. Bernard Healy. Phone: 087 2069656

Masses streamed live on spaparish@dioceseofkerry.ie
 Click on Churchill or Fenit Church

 Please pray for all who died recently:
 Patrick King, Main Road, Fenit.
 And also for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Thursday in Churchill Church from 3.00pm until 7.15pm with Benediction before evening Mass.



PARISH COLLECTION: for 8th December 2024 will be published in next weekend's newsletter.

RELIGIOUS GOODS: Available to purchase at St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee. Monday - Sat, 9.15am-1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.45pm.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK

Saturday 14th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Jimmy Turner, Baltygarron, (3rd anniversary).
Sunday 15th Dec.	9.30am	Fenit	Joan Godley (2nd anniversary), her husband Jack (anniversary), Fenit & Fr. Paddy Godley (1st anniversary).
	11.30am	Churchill	John Porter, The Spa, (7th anniversary).
Monday 16th Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	James & Bridget Murphy, Island Road, Fenit, (anniversaries).
Tuesday 17th Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	John McCarthy, Fenit, (45th anniversary).
Thursday 19th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Daire Foley, Knockanish, (anniversary).
Friday 20th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Mike Flaherty and his parents, Michael & Ellen Flaherty, Blackpool, The Spa, (anniversaries).
Saturday 21st Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	People of the Parish & intentions and thanksgivings recorded in Church intention books and all who have asked for remembrance in prayer.
	7.30pm	Churchill	
Sunday 22nd Dec.	9.30am	Fenit	John & Peggy Breen, Doon, Tralee, (anniversaries).
	11.30am	Churchill	Patsy Horgan, Knockanish East, Ballyroe, (2nd anniversary).

2025 A Jubilee Year in the Church - Message from Bishop Ray Browne.

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, 29th 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 seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Saviour is with us each day, - as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of 'Hope' we mean 'Hope in Jesus Christ', Hope in our God, Father, Son and Spirit.

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Greetings all.

JESSE TREE: This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is also known as Gaudete Sunday. We continue our journey of Advent tracing the FAMILY TREE of Jesus which reminds us that Jesus belonged to a family like all of us. So far we placed the symbols of Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah's Arc, Abraham, David (son of Jesse), Solomon (son of David) and Arc of the Covenant on our Jesse Tree. This weekend, we place another four symbols on the Jesse Tree: Moses, Joseph (son of Jacob), Isaac (son of Abraham) and Jacob (son of Isaac).

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Takes place this Sunday evening, 15th December in Churchill Church at 6.00pm. Hopefully the evening will be a good Spiritual experience for us all and that it will draw us into the real meaning of Christmas - the Birth of Christ. Please note that the Carol Service will NOT be live-streamed - web camera will be turned off.

FENIT SCHOOL: Carol Service in Fenit Church on Tuesday evening next, 17th December at 7.00pm. All welcome.

SPA SCHOOL: Christmas Mass in Churchill Church on Thursday 19th December at 10.00am.

ADORATION: Weekly Adoration will not take place in Fenit Church until Tuesday 7th January 2025.

PARISH FINANCES & CAPITAL FUND BOXES FOR 2025 & THE PARISH CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER: These should reach your homes during the coming week. Sincere thanks to everyone who has been using the Envelopes so faithfully. As the Accounts for 2024 need to be closed off by 30th December, please return any outstanding Parish Envelopes for Parish Funds and Envelopes for Priests Dues before then. The Churches in our Parish (Churchill and Fenit) are our Spiritual homes which all need the support of all parishioners at these times. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

LECTIO DIVINA: Reflecting on the Scriptures. On Monday mornings during Avent following the 10am Mass in Fenit Church. An opportunity will be provided to reflect on the Gospel of the following Sunday. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS: Will be held after the vigil and Sunday Masses next weekend and also on Monday, 23rd December, from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Churchill Church.

God Bless, Fr. Francis.

SANTA BY THE SEA: Welcome Santa arriving by boat at Kelly's Beach on Thursday 19th December next at 3pm. Santa will then go on a walk-about through Fenit Village and hold a festive party at Fenit Parish Centre from 3pm-6pm. All Welcome:



CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS & MASS CARDS: Sympathy, Get Well, Christmas & general Mass Bouquet Cards signed by Fr. Francis are available in the Gala Shop, Fenit and also from Anne Daughton, Sacristan Churchill. Anne's contact number is 087 9951601.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
 Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan
 Pilgrimage Leader: Maura Harcksen
 10th to 17th September 2025

Return flights from Cork to Dubrovnik. 7 nights Breakfast & Dinner. €899. per person sharing. Single sup. €175. extra. €100 reduction if booked by 20th December 2024.

For details & bookings contact: Maura O'Keefe Harcksen (Tralee) Tel: 066 7127143 or 087 1517696

