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 SPA PARISH CHURCHILL/FENIT

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First Sunday of Advent
 1st December 2024


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 (30th Nov/1st Dec) is Fr. Padraig Walsh. Phone: 087 2069656

The priest on duty next weekend (7th/8th December) is Fr. Tadhg Fitzgerald. Phone: 087 2069656

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

 Please pray for all who died recently:
 Robert (Robby) Parker, Fenit Island & London (recently deceased). (Brother of the late Seán & Michael Parker, Fenit).
 And also for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT 
 Tuesday in Fenit Church from 10.30am until 12 Noon. Rosary at 9.45am.
 Thursday in Churchill Church from 3.00pm until 7.15pm with Benediction before evening Mass.

PARISH COLLECTION: 24th November 2024: Total: €1,436.76 (Weekly Envelopes & Offertory Collection €1,236.76, Teach na Sagart €175.00 & November Offerings €25.00). Thank you for your generosity. Míle Buíochas.

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

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Greetings all.

ADVENT: This weekend we welcome the Season of Advent. It is our annual time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We hope it will be a special spiritual journey for us all.

JESSE TREE: We begin our journey of Advent tracing the FAMILY TREE of Jesus which reminds us that Jesus belonged to a family like all of us. We can be sure then that he understands our human nature—the nature that he came to redeem. Still, of course, we believe that Jesus was fully human and divine. Today, we place the first four symbols on the Jesse Tree: (1) Creation, and over the following weeks (2) Adam & Eve, (3) Noah's Arc and (4) Jesse.

ADVENT WREATH: To day we also light the first candle on our Advent Wreath.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PARTY: Our Christmas Community Party will take place on Wednesday next, 4th December in the Parish Centre, Fenit. The event will begin with the celebration of Mass in Fenit Church at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please note that all age groups are most welcome to attend. If you require transport, please contact Maureen Williams on 085 8761777.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Will take place on Sunday 15th December in Churchill Church at 6.00pm. Plans are going very well and a lot of people have volunteered to participate. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY: I will be visiting our sick and housebound parishioners with Holy Communion on Friday 13th December (a week later than the First Friday).

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.

God Bless, Fr. Francis.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK

Saturday 30th Nov.	7.30pm	Churchill	Joan O'Connor, Knockenaugh, Ardferit, (anniversary).
Sunday 1st Dec.	9.30am	Fenit	Tom Ross, Fenit, (anniversary).
	11.30am	Churchill	People of the Parish & intentions and thanksgivings recorded in Church intention books and all who have asked for remembrance in prayer.
Monday 2nd Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	Special Intention.
Tuesday 3rd Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	Special Intention.
Thursday 5th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Special Intention.
Friday 6th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Tony Stanton, Ballinlourth, Tralee, (anniversary).
Saturday 7th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Kay McGillicuddy, Knockanish, (anniversary).
Sunday 8th Dec.	9.30am	Fenit	Patrick David Browne, Pier Gates, Fenit (1st anniversary) and remembrance of his grandparents, Mona & Garry Black, Brandon.
	11.30am	Churchill	P. J. O'Mahony, & deceased family members, Kilfenora, (anniversaries).

 **VIGIL TO KNOCK SHRINE:** For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady on Saturday 7th December. O'Shea's of Kerry are providing a coach for the vigil. Coach Departs: Killorglin at 3:30pm (The Church), Tralee at 4:00pm (Bus Station), Listowel at 4:30pm (The Bridge) and Abbeyfeale at 4:45pm (The Church). Cost: €40.00 For bookings and further details, contact O'Shea's of Kerry, telephone 066 7180123.

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.

THANKS: Seán & Ann Brick, Barrow wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who supported their recent coffee day in aid of the Kerry Hospice. We are delighted to announce that €1,863 was raised.

KERRY CHORAL UNION: Presents 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert in St. John's, Castle Street, Tralee on Sunday next, 8th December at 7:30pm with guests the Kerry Scotia Ensemble. Programme includes a selection of favourite carols, From the anticipation of 'Zadok the Priest' and splendour of the 'Hallelujah Chorus', through to the perfect quiet of 'Silent Night' and the closing statement of faith that is 'O Holy Night', Christmas. Tickets available on the door €20 an on the website www.kcu.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/KerryChoralUnion>.

KERRY ARCHEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Lecture 'Saol agus Saothar Cathaoir Ó Braonáin (1874-1937) - Sagart réabhlóideach, scríbhneoir aislingteach. A talk on the life of Fr. Charles Brennan, Caherciveen born and a curate in St. John's, Tralee between 1907 and 1916, and poet, musician and patriot priest. This lecture is given by Fr Tom Looney. Tralee Library, Thursday 5th December at 7.00pm. Admission free.



The Christmas Craft Fair and market will be held at NAVO this Sunday 1st December from 10am till 3pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. Great gift ideas for everyone made by local artists and craftspeople. Santa will be making a visit. Irish Guide dogs for the blind are also visiting.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn - Christmas Fair/Aonach Na Nollag takes place this Sunday 1st December from 2:30pm. in the school hall. All welcome.