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 SPA PARISH CHURCHILL/FENIT

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CHURCHILL - FENIT

Second Sunday of Advent
 8th 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 (7th/8th December) is Fr. Tadhg Fitzgerald. Phone: 087 2069656

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

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

 Please pray for all who died recently:
 Betty Slattery (nee Murphy), Fenit & Tralee.
 Fr. Seamus Mac Ginneá, Ballyferriter.
 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.

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

PARISH COLLECTION: 1st December 2024: Total: €792.32 (Weekly Envelopes & Offertory Collection €747.32, Teach na Sagart €25.00 & November Offerings €20.00). Thank you for your generosity. Mile Buíochas.

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Greetings all.
ADVENT: This weekend we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. We focus today on more symbols on the Jesse Tree as we continue our journey of preparation for Christmas. To day we also light the second candle on our Advent Wreath.
JESSE TREE: 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. Last week we placed the symbols of Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah's Arc and Jesse on the Tree. Today, we place another four symbols on the Jesse Tree: (1) Abraham, (2) David, son of Jesse, (3) Solomon, son of David and (4) Arc of the Covenant.
PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Will take place on Sunday evening next, 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 this coming Friday, 13th December.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Radio Kerry have asked that Mass be broadcast from Churchill Church on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm. Having discussed it with the Parish Pastoral Council, we will proceed with it. However, it means a change of Mass time on Christmas Eve from the usual 7.30pm Mass in Churchill Church to 7.00pm Mass.

Christmas Masses		
Christmas Eve	Churchill	3.00pm <i>Children's Mass</i>
	Fenit	5.00pm
	Churchill	7.00pm
Christmas Day	Fenit	9.30am
	Churchill	11.30am

God Bless, Fr. Francis.

HOUR OF GRACE: In honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception led by Fr. Mark Moriarty, St. John's Church, Monday 9th December 12noon to 1.00pm. All welcome.

KERRY CHORAL UNION: Presents 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert in St. John's, Castle Street, Tralee this Sunday evening, 8th December at 7:30pm with guests the Kerry Scotia Ensemble. Programme includes a selection of favourite carols. Tickets available on the door €20 an on the website www.kcu.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/KerryChoralUnion>.

UDED STAMPS: In aid of the missions may be given to Anne Daughton, Sacristan, Churchill.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK

Date	Time	Location	Special Occasions
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).
Monday 9th Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	Special Intention.
Tuesday 10th Dec.	10.00am	Fenit	Michael & Doris Nolan, Ard na Crusha & Talaught, (anniversaries).
Thursday 12th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Special Intention.
Friday 13th Dec.	7.30pm	Churchill	Jo Coleman, Cork, (anniversary).
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).

SPA PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

 Takes place on Sunday 15th December in Churchill Church at 6.00pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: St John's Church of Ireland, Ashe Street, Saturday next, 14th December, between 10.00am - 2.00pm. fresh baking, jams and preserves, Christmas crafts and decorations, flower arrangements, the ever-popular silent auction, raffles, guess the weight of the cake, festive games.

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:
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