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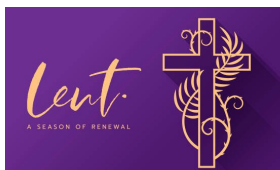
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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY 22ND OF FEBRUARY

The word "Lent" means **Spring**.

During the season of Lent the Holy Spirit calls us to leave our winter attitudes behind and to awaken to spring.

Lent is a time to weed out bad habits and to plant, water, and allow good habits to grow. The meaning of spring urges us to finish our spiritual journey to Easter in a different place spiritually than we were on Ash Wednesday.



ANNIVERSARIES ST. PAUL'S

PEGGY CONNOLLY (MM)

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JOHN (Moby) KINSELLA

His wife ELIZABETH &

Sons TOMMY & PADDY

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KATHLEEN O'SHEA

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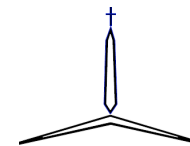
May they Rest in Peace



*We shall meet again
in a brighter land
Where farewell
is never spoken;
We shall clasp each other
hand in hand
And the clasp shall not be
broken*



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



19th of February 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME

Gospel Reflection (Matthew 5:38-48)

We all like our friends and we want to remember their birthdays and special occasions. If they need our help, we are glad to be able to lend a hand, offer a listening ear, share our time or give some useful advice. In contrast, we are not quite so kind to the people we dislike. If we really dislike them, then we may be tempted to treat them unjustly. For Christians, this type of behaviour is unthinkable, precisely because Jesus explicitly forbade it.

During his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminded his audience about the Old Law before teaching them the perfection of the New Law: 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' (Mt 5:43-44).

If people wanted to follow Christ, they were required to love their enemies. Jesus gave some practical examples of the love of enemies in action: 'If anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well' (Mt 5:39). Crucially, Jesus taught why he wanted his disciples to love their enemies: 'For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not?' (Mt 5:46).

According to Jesus, this is not sufficient. If we are kind to our friends and hate our enemies, or even if, not hating them, we refuse to be charitable towards them, we are doing no more than the pagans do. There is no merit in that. If we want to please God, then we are obliged to do more. We are challenged by the gospel to behave decently towards those to whom we are not naturally attracted. In short, we must love our enemies. This teaching is a reflection of God's perfection. We know this because Jesus concluded this part of his sermon by exhorting his listeners to 'be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48).

When we next receive a request for help, or when our opinion is sought from somebody to whom we are not naturally drawn, respond with kindness and generosity. There is always someone, in every social context, who is not popular, or who is difficult. It is to these people that we are asked to respond in true charity with a kind word, or an offer of friendship. That will reflect, somewhat, the perfection of God in a world full of selfishness and conflict. **John Litterton**

- Please observe markings in the aisles when going to receive Holy Communion.
- Our Masses continue to be Live Streamed and broadcast on the Radio.

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<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-s>

LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN

<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown>

RADIO: Morning Mass from St. Paul's Church on the Radio at **107.9FM**

CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1.00pm.
Butlerstown Church daily 12.00 to 4.00pm



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**ASH WEDNESDAY,
 22ND OF FEBRUARY**

MASS TIMES

9.00am Mass in Butlerstown
10.00am Mass in St. Paul's

*Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.
 - Pope Francis*

TROCAIRE DELIVERY

We would be grateful for your help delivering the Trocaire Boxes in your usual area, if you are available and happy to do so.

BUTLERSTOWN

Trocaire Boxes will be available for collection from Butlerstown Sacristy after Mass from this weekend.

ST. PAUL'S

Trocaire Boxes will be available for collection from the Parish Centre from Tuesday 21st of February.

Thank you for your continued help.

FAMILY & LIFE presents

Protecting the vulnerable from the threat of legalised Euthanasia St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford Tuesday February 21st at 7.30pm.

LIVING SYNODALITY NOW - One Day Symposium which will be of interest to

priests, pastoral workers, teachers, chaplains and everyone involved or interested in ministry. 11th of March 12 to 4pm SETU, Cork Road Campus Waterford. Enquiries: synodality@setu.ie Fee: €20
 Speakers: Professor Michael A Conway, Director of the Irish Centre for Faith & Culture; Julieann Moran, General Secretary of Synodal Pathway in Ireland; Paula McKeown, Director of Living Church, Diocese of Down & Connor.



WATERFORD MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

will take place in Mount Sion Chapel on Wednesday 22nd of February beginning with Rosary at 7pm. Followed by Mass at 7.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Pat Fitzgerald. Choir: Medugorje Choir. All are welcome.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

St Paul's Parish, will resume our Weekly Prayer Meeting for Lent commencing on Thursday February 23rd at 3pm.

Our meeting will begin with Rosary praying for peace in Ukraine followed by Reflection on the Messages of Our Lady, especially given by her in places of apparition, Medugorje and Fatima. The world needs our prayers as never before. Please join with us in St Paul's Church on February 23rd at 3pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will resume in St Paul's Church on Friday February 24th following the 10am Mass until 12.30pm. Please come and visit the Blessed Sacrament, praying for peace in quiet and silent prayer.



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

TY STUDENTS will perform the musical **FROZEN JR** on the 28th of February and the 1st and 2nd of March at 7pm in the School Hall. Tickets available from the school office 051 376584 at a cost of €12. Please support.

OUR FUNDRAISING GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

TABLE QUIZ will take place on Tuesday 28th of March at 8pm in St Paul's Parish Centre. Teams of 4 €20 Prizes for first, second and third. Teas and Coffees will be served. All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

God of goodness and mercy,
 Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I seek to return to your love.

Christ's Cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. It is the sign of the hope that does not disappoint, and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's saving Plan.
 Pope Francis.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
 DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE**

We're launching a plan for Youth & Young Adult Ministry and you're invited to be part of our prayer team. You can do this by intentionally including the youth and young adults of the diocese, our faith representatives, clergy and all those who work with young people in your daily prayers. You're also invited to join us online or in-person to pray specifically for this intention.

Join us in person on 24th February in St John's Pastoral Centre, or on zoom on Tuesday 7th March.
 To join the zoom, just sign up on the link below and you will be sent a zoom link before March 7th.
<https://forms.gle/rYqDzw8Bm3pR3LhC7>

