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Facebook: St Pauls Church Lisduggan.

Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

BILLY SULLIVAN (MM)

PATRICIA DINEEN (MM)

NOEL FLYNN

MATT SHANAHAN

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STEPHEN COLLINS (BR)

MARY ELLEN KINSELLA

TONY QUANN (BR)

TONY DUFFY

DAVID SCANLON (MM)

BUTLERSTOWN

GERALD SHANAHAN

May they Rest in Peace



Lord, you invite me to come to you and you welcome me with open arms, no matter what my circumstances are.

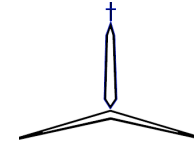
I ask you to give me the strength of your love, peace and care as I journey day by day through life.

May I always know your love for me and your unfailing friendship in my life. Amen.

Lord, take my hand firmly in your grasp today and allow me to walk forward in confidence, knowing that you are with me every step of the way. When difficulties arise, I ask you to carry me through with faith, hope and love in my heart. Amen.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



26th of February 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer at the Beginning of Lent



God our Father,

You formed us from the dust of the earth and brought us to new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism.

We ask you to change our hearts as we journey through these forty days of Lent.

Help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet, and to serve him in all persons, especially the poor, the sick and the lonely.

By your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices this Lent help us grow closer to each other and to you, as one family in Jesus. Amen.

Let Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life!

If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms.

If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid.

Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do. *Pope Francis*

MASS ATTENDANCE IN OUR PARISHES

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

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S

<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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

DONATE

DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation to Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown please click the **Donate Button** on our website.
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

CHECK IT OUT For updates on events/series in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore ...Go to the web address below for the current issue of Check it out!
<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/>

TROCAIRE
TROCAIRE BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will take place in St. Paul's Church on Thursday next 2nd of March at 7.30pm. All very welcome.



Do you want to fast this lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness, fill you hearts with joy
- Fasts from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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.

SLIEVEKEALE ACTIVE RETIREMENT NEXT MEETING (Please note change of venue)
2nd of March at 2.30pm in Manor St. John

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION will take place on Sunday 5th of March.



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.

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.

FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

A LENTEN JAR

We always have nice things that we'd like to do, but never seem to make time to get to: write a letter to a friend, visit a lonely person, ring a distant friend. At the beginning of Lent, write down 40 tasks, one per little slip of paper, and put them in a jar. Each morning of Lent, pull one out and do the task written there. This is a simple way to concentrate on doing good for others.

Lord God, you who breathed the spirit of life within me, now draw out of me the light and life you created.

Help me to find my way back to you. Help me to use my life to reflect your glory and to serve others as your son Jesus did.

Loving God, you call us back to you with all our hearts. I feel your call for me deep in my heart and I know you want me back as much as I want to return.

Please Lord, give me the wisdom to know how to return. Make my journey back to you this Lent one of grace, forgiveness and gentle love.

