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ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

NOEL BURKE

JOHN MOBY KINSELLA

PATRICK (PA) RUSSELL

& his daughter ELIZABETH

MICHAEL DWYER

THE CLEARY FAMILY

PATRICK MORGAN (BR)

ANGELA O'REILLY (BR)

MAURICE WALSH

JOAN FANNING

PADDY KEANE

NICHOLAS & ANASTASIA O'TOOLE

FREDDIE ROBINSON

JIMMY COLLINS

ANNA BARRY

STELLA COLLINS

ELIZABETH CUSACK

BUTLERSTOWN

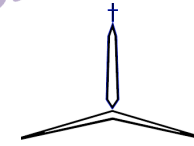
FINOLA DOUGLAS (MM)

LILY DUNPHY

May they Rest in Peace



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



18th of February 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

What my Lent does for others

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others rather than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, and it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives

Donal Neary SJ



Heavenly Father,

*As I begin my Lenten journey,
guide me to the path that leads to you.*

*Fill my heart
with gratitude,
patience,
strength,
and peace
as I strive to become
the best version
of myself.
Amen*



PRAYER FOR TRUST IN GOD

O God, the source of all health:
fill my heart
with faith in your love,
that with calm expectancy
I may make room for your grace
to heal me,
and gracefully accept your healing
Amen.



OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED AND BROADCAST ON THE RADIO. Please Note our Live Streaming MCN web addresses have been updated. Live streaming link from our own website remains the same.

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s>

LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown>

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

OUR CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1pm
Butlerstown Church daily 12 to 4.00pm

Father

In this moment of overwhelming thoughts and emotions, I turn to You.

You are my refuge and strength.

Grant me peace and clarity in the midst of chaos.

Help me cast my burdens upon You, knowing You care for me.

Guide me step by step, and grant me the strength to face each challenge with Your wisdom and grace.

Thank You for Your unfailing love and constant presence. Amen.

BOOK LAUNCH - LIVING PLANTS: THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD

BY EDDY FITZGERALD will be launched on

Wednesday 6th of March at 8pm

At Fr. Rufus Halley Hall (opposite Butlerstown Church)

A short introduction by Prof John Ryan (ICARDA), followed by slide presentation on Biodiversity by Eddy Fitzgerald.

Books will be on sale and refreshments served. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH :

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3.30PM

BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH:

FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10.30AM

TROCAIRE BOXES

If any of our distributors are available and willing to distribute Trocaire Boxes in your usual areas or if anybody else is willing to help we would appreciate it.

Butlerstown Church: Boxes are available from the Church this weekend

St. Paul's Church: Boxes are available from the Parish Office. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

Takes place each Friday morning after 10am Mass.

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/>



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CAR PARKING AT BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

On a few recent occasions, vehicles have been unable to pass on Castle Road nearest to the Church because of cars parked on both sides of the road. This could be very serious if an ambulance or fire brigade was seeking to pass. Two possible solutions:

1. Use the Church car-park.
2. On Castle Road park only on one side of the road, especially where the road is narrowest.

Otherwise we would welcome any helpful ideas, and we appreciate your consideration in this matter.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING BUTLERSTOWN

We are seeking volunteers to train or retrain in the use of the Defibrillators which are available at the Church, in the Fr. Rufus Halley Centre and at the School. We would encourage participation in this life-saving facility in our community. Please hand your name in at the Sacristy as soon as possible.

A PATH FOR LENT

- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
- Fast from stress; feast on self-care
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
- Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others
- Fast from discouragement; feast on seeing the good
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news
- Fast from being so busy; feast on quiet silence
- Fast from problems that overwhelm us; feast on prayerful trust
- Fast from talking; feast on listening
- Fast from trying to be in control; feast on letting go.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL (Mark 1:12-15)

Jesus is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: *'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'*. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted *yes* to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say *'yes'*? **john Byrne OSA**