

PARISH INFORMATION

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God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did, this world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.

ANNIVERSARIES

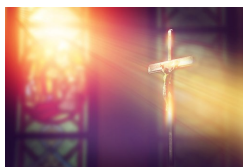
ST. PAUL'S

EILY KEOHAN (MM)
MAUREEN McGRATH
MARGARET GALVIN &
WILLIAM GALVIN & their
daughter IRENE NORRIS
TOMMY & BRIDIE MARSHALL
Their daughters ANN, BETTY &
ESTHER & grandsons JASON & NOEL
PATRICK & CATHERINE CONNORS
Their daughter BRIDIE,
Her husband JIMMY
PATRICK JNR & granddaughters
AMANDA & CATHERINE
LIAM O'SULLIVAN
ANNE SMYTH
PADDY & LILY KENNEALLY
Their son MICHAEL & daughter in law
ANN, daughter ELIZABETH
& granddaughter
CASSANDRA STEPHENS
LILY O'DONOGHUE
ANNA SHAW
PEGGY McARTHUR (BR)
JOHN AYERS
ANN TILLY FOX
& her daughter BRENDA FOX (BR)
DENISE TWOMEY (BR)
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LIZ BROWN
PIERCE POWER & his parents
STEPHEN & WINIFRED
PAUL PURCELL
CHARLES & MARGARET DOWER &
their Parents

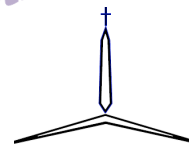
May they Rest in Peace



May the blessing of God who
created us,
The blessing of the Son who
is our Redeemer,
The blessing of the Spirit
within us,
Come upon us now to guide
and protect us. Amen.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



4th of February 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
will take place at St. Paul's Church,
From Saturday 3rd of February to Sunday 11th of February

NOVENA TIMES

6.00pm - Saturday 3rd

8.30am & 11.30am - Sunday 4th

10.30am - Monday 5th (Bank Holiday)

10.00am - Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday

6.00pm - Saturday, 8.30am & 11.30am Sunday

We pray that this will be a time of blessing
and grace for all of us.

We hope that you will be able to join us.



On the final day of the Novena, 11th February,
The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick,
The Anointing of the Sick will take place for those who request it.
Envelopes for your Intentions are available at the back of both Churches

Reflections

- Other's love for you is God's gentle helping hand on your shoulder.
- Genuine listening requires a courageous open mind that is ready to change.
- Before you sleep name one thing for which you are grateful each day.
- No matter how you feel, wake up, get up, dress up, show up and try not to give up.



Des O'Donnell OMI,
(Messenger Publications)

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/butlerstown>

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

A BLESSING

*May the God of gentleness be with you,
May his tenderness shine through you
to warm all those who are hurt and lonely.*

*May the God of Strength be with you,
holding you in strong-fingered hands
and may you be a sacrament of His strength
to those whose hands you hold.*

*May the God of Peace be with you,
taking away your fears and doubts and
may the mantle of your peace cover those
who are troubled and anxious.*

*May the blessing of Peace be upon you. and
uphold you each day and night of your lives.*



BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
MONDAY 5TH OF FEBRUARY
MASS IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH 10.30AM

OUR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Wednesday next, 7th of February at 10.30am in St. Paul's Parish Centre. You are very welcome to come and join us.

DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Wednesday 5th of June to Monday 10th of June, flying from Cork. Booking is open and all bookings can be made through JWT by ringing 01- 2410800. Further details are on the poster in the Church Porch.

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Lord, cultivate a heart
of contentment
within me,
so that whether in
fullness or in need
I may walk closely
with you
Amen.



THE BLACK DOT

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test.



They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor walked around the class and handed the question papers. He then asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, but just a black dot in the centre of the page. The professor said- "I want you to write what you see there."

At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet, etc. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain:

"I am not going to grade you on this test; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. This is exactly what we tend to do with our lives. We have a white paper to hold onto and enjoy, but we are so busy contemplating about the dark spots that are in there. Life is a special gift and we will always have reasons to celebrate. It is changing and renewing everyday- our friends, jobs, livelihood, love, family, the miracles we see every day."

And yet we insist on focusing only on the dark spots. Try to take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!

JESUS THE HEALER (MARK 1:29-39)

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel.



Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. Jesus, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need.

Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. *Jane Mellett*