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REFLECTION

Each occasion we glimpse them,
that turn of a head, that smile, the way they walked,
their sense of humour,
each time we feel pain in our hearts.

In time, though, through the win-
dows of our tears, we will see
them and smile.



In time we will let go of sorrow.

In time beauty, music
and remembered places
will bring solace not pain.

In your time, God of all time,
may what we have sown in pain be reaped in joy.

ANNIVERSARIES

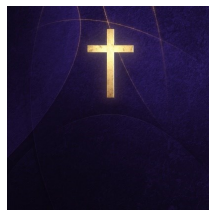
ST. PAUL'S

THE HANRAHAN FAMILY
CATHY TERRY &
Her grandson FRANKIE CROWLEY
JOHN NOLAN
ANNIE DOYLE
PAT FITZGERALD
JIMMY BARRY
JIM MERIN (Birthday Remembrance)
JOHN SWEENEY (Birthday Rem)
TOMMY DWYER
MARK RYAN (who died recently)
KATHLEEN FLYNN (Birthday Rem)
MICHAEL FAHY (Months Mind)

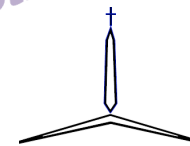
May they Rest in Peace



Lord Jesus,
may I find a way
through the darkness
to the light of your love.
You are the Resurrection
and the Life.
All our hope is in you.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



10th of March, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A New Colour

Why rose vestments today? It is the hope of Easter just around the corner. We are on the way, but not there yet. So we wear the colours of joy. Our joy is from the love which has brought us here and made us the work of art we are. Jesus is lifted up on the cross so we may have life. In all our thoughts on lent and the death of Jesus, we are people of the resurrection.

We have many identities in our lives, but our prime belonging is to God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. This is the life of faith, the life of faith in the heart.

Our faith is that God sent his son from love. Jesus is the one who went through all we go through and rose from death. As our faith in this becomes strong, then we find love active from God in our lives. At times when there is little else there, we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Jesus and rise with him. God, being love, promises not an easy life nor magical solutions, but love always.

We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ.

Easter is around the corner, if we take a corner too quickly we crash. In life there is often a call to patience. We live in the light of Easter.

Donal Neary SJ



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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH :
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3.30PM
BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH:
FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10.30AM

MASS ON ST PATRICK'S DAY
IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH will be at 11am.

MASS ON ST PATRICK'S DAY IN
BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH will be at 10am

BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIME
MONDAY 18TH MARCH
Mass in St. Paul's at 10.30am.

A TEA DANCE - OLYMPIA REVISITED !
IN AID OF THE RNLI
will take place in St Paul's Parish Centre on Wednesday next 13th of March from 10.45am to 11.45am. No admission fee. Our RNLI Collection Box will be at the door for your donations.

NOTICE FOR ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

We would appreciate your help with the distribution of the Easter Collection Envelopes in your normal areas, if you are available and willing to do so.

Butlerstown Envelopes
will be available for collection from Butlerstown Sacristy from next weekend 17th of March.

St. Paul's Envelopes
can be collected from the Parish Office from Tuesday 19th of March.
Thank you for your help.

ACT JUSTLY.. LOVE TENDERLY.. WALK HUMBLY

Lent coincides with the arrival of spring, the lengthening of days and the appearance of crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. They have all refused to give in to the weight of snow, the sharpness of the frost and the lack of light. They just grow despite everything.

Lent is an invitation to us to do something similar. It's an invitation to grow, to recognize that when all is said and done we are spiritual people and that we need to pay attention to that. What it means to be spiritual is beautifully summed up by the prophet Micah when he reminded people that God only asks three things of us
“... act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)

So if we want something to do for Lent there we have it:

Act Justly – reflect on the injustice around us and do something to change it.

Love Tenderly – forget myself and reach out to those in need

Walk Humbly – take time to pray, make a space for God and the Good News in our busy lives.

‘We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others;
when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope;
when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say ‘Jesus is Risen,’ with our soul.’ *Pope Francis*

THE JOURNEY

Life may be compared to a journey and along the way we learn from others who have gone ahead of us and whose experience can speak to us.

We also learn from those who walk with us, sharing the road.

As people of faith we trust that we are not alone on this journey and that, in fact, our closest companion is Jesus who has not only gone ahead of us but also still walks with us.

For many centuries now people have meditated on the last journey that Jesus made and from that they have learned much about him and about themselves. They feel encouraged to go on, to continue even when things are difficult and darkness threatens to drag them down. Jesus, the great teacher, gives remarkable lessons on courage and commitment, love and compassion, generosity and hope.

REFLECTION

In our day-to-day struggle just to get on with the business of living it is unlikely that we go around with the image of ourselves as '*God's work of art*'. There are many forces at work both within us and outside us which tend to pull us down and to leave us with negative feelings about ourselves and those around us. By contrast, at the heart of the gospel message is the wonderful assertion that we are the handiwork of a God who does not make mistakes. This is the God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son not to bully us into obedience or to threaten us with hellfire but to bring us to life in its fullness. This is terrific news indeed, so let us take steps to ensure that other messages do not drown it out
Sean Goan



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THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION
ST PAUL'S CHURCH: €2,040
THANK YOU.

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