

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

LIVE STREAMING Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s> and <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown> and www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie. so that the parish can extend its reach to those who cannot visit the church . This may mean that your image will be broadcast on those websites, in particular, if you are on or near the sanctuary or sit in the first three rows of the middle aisle. If you do not wish your image to be captured in this way, please sit in another area of the church. If you have concerns , please contact us.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MARIE DORAN (MM)
& her daughter LINDA
BRENDAN BURNS (MM)
THOMAS BARRY (MM)

TONY DUFFY
ROSALEEN GREY nee GALVIN
ELLA HALLAHAN, her husband JOE
daughter MARIA & son PAUL
NORAH JOY

PADDY & EDITH MILLS
CATHERINE (LALLY) HALLORAN
Her husband MICHAEL
& daughter CATHERINE
FRANK & ANGELA O'CONNOR
DERMOT WALSH
BERNDAN O'CALLAGHAN (BR)
MARIA WALL

BUTLERSTOWN

KITTY CAREY (Bawnfune)

May they Rest in Peace



CANDLE

A Candle reminds us
that the light of Christ is with us
during our Lenten journey.
The light of Christ surrounding us,
enfolding us,
a light that scatters the darkness

When we light a candle
we are preparing our-
selves for the new fire
that will be lit
at the Easter vigil.



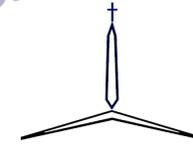
"Healing God,
I lift up my body
and spirit to You.

Grant me strength in my
weakness, comfort in my pain,
and restoration in my illness.

May Your healing touch
bring wholeness to my being.
In Jesus' Name, Amen."



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



3rd of March, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

'In Spirit and In Truth'

For the next three Sundays the gospel will be taken from John and will show us the way in which the fourth evangelist understands the mystery of the cross and resurrection. Of all the evangelists, John relies most heavily on symbolism to communicate the meaning of Easter and what it reveals to us about God and today's Gospel is no exception. On the face of it, Jesus cleansing the temple was a rejection of corrupt practices there that distracted from true worship of God. But there is more at stake in his dramatic gesture which becomes apparent as He responds to the authorities who oppose him. The real issue is the true worship of God which will come about through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for as the Word made flesh he is the true temple or dwelling place of God and in him we will come to abide in God's love, which is what true worship is all about.

With the passage of time and the familiarity of the cross or crucifix as a religious symbol it may be that we have lost the sense of what Paul and John are saying. We almost seem comfortable with the idea of a crucified Lord. Perhaps the scandal it contains would be clearer to us if we used the symbol of a gallows or an electric chair. Ever since Good Friday our faith is not in God the miracle-worker but in the God who chose to be known through weakness and vulnerability. The love of the new and everlasting covenant is to be experienced not in the glorious parting of the Red Sea but in the love and forgiveness offered by Jesus on the cross.

The true temple of God is no longer to be found in some holy and far away place but is within, as Jesus has made us all temples of the Holy Spirit and in the process challenges us to know God not through mere ritual observance but 'in Spirit and in truth' (Jn 4:23-24).



Sean Goan

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



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/>

*Good and gracious God,
You have made us to be like you,
to live and love in the Spirit
of Jesus your Son.
May we grow to be open and
generous in our giving to others.
And gracious and grateful
in what we receive
and for all who
give to us.*



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FOR LENT**

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



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/>



*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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION
BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH**

Will take place this weekend, the first Sunday of March. Thank you.

OUR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING will take place in St Paul's Parish Centre on Tuesday next, 5th of March at 10.30am You are very welcome to join us.

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)

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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION
ST PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,740
THANK YOU.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them...
The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

Triona Doherty

*In Times of Sorrow
May you see God's light
on the path ahead.*

*When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.*

*When times are hard may hardness
never turn your heart to stone.*

*May you always remember when the shadows fall, ... You do not walk alone.
- Author Unknown*

LENTEN PRAYER
Lord Jesus,

You came among us to show us how to live life to the full and to prepare for that work you went into the desert for forty days.

During this season of Lent, help us to set aside time to reflect on what it means for us to live life to the full.

Help us to see ourselves as we are and not to be afraid to make changes

Help us to be generous and open to your Spirit who prompts us to do the right thing

Help us to look at the big picture and to know that each of us has a part to play in making the world a better place
Lead us along the path to Easter
and a true understanding of the depth of your love. Amen