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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 <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown</a>

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.

# PERHAPS

Perhaps is we could see
The splendour of the land
To which our loved ones are called
from you and me.

We'd understand.

Perhaps if we could hear
The welcome they receive
From old familiar voices - all so dear.
We would not grieve.

Perhaps if we could know
The reasons why then went
We'd smile, and wipe away the tears that flow
We'd wait content.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

ST. PAUL'S

PADDY HEALY (Months Mind) MARY MURPHY CATHERINE SULLIVAN LARRY FITZPATRICK PADDY DOWER PHILIP MURPHY BRYAN CUNNINGHAM EDIA O'SHEA TOM GOUGH MAURICE FITZGERALD (Months Mind) EDWARD (EDDIE) FANNING) BILLY SUTTON MAUREEN HURLEY MAUREEN DOWER IOHN SWEENEY MICHAEL & MARGARET MEANEY PAUL & ELLEN GILES MARTIN O'BRIEN MAI POWER

### **BUTLERSTOWN**

PETER O'TOOLE

**MARTIN & JERRY CONWAY** 

THOMAS & MARGARET SMYTH & their daughter MARIE WALSH (BR) MARGARET MURPHY (Dunhiill) (A) & her husband MICHAEL (BR)

May they Rest in Peace.



Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

Henry Ward Beecher



#### 7th of December 2025 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St Paul's Parish is in St. Otteran's Pastoral Area with the parishes of Ballybricken, Holy Family, St. Saviour's, Butlerstown, Dunhill & Fenor, Tramore & Carbally.'

#### CHANGE OF HEART

We are so used to the commercial side of Christmas – the frenzy of ads and gift-buying, the extravagant decorations and parties – that it is easy to forget what we are really celebrating.

That's where John the Baptist comes in. We first meet John in Luke's Gospel, before he is even born: Elizabeth's pregnancy is announced at the same time as Mary's, though John will be born first.

The next we hear of John, he appears as God's messenger (as we hear in today's Gospel), preparing the way of the Lord. His job is to set the stage for Jesus to begin his ministry, and his central message is repentance. The Greek word for repentance was metanoia, which literally means a change of heart, or turning one's life around. So John is inviting his audience to make a break with the past, turn to God, and go in a different direction. When Jesus begins his own ministry, his first message is the very same: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

This is a fitting message as we enter the second week of Advent. As we prepare to welcome Jesus, we are invited to metanoia, or change of heart. As we ponder the mysteries of Christmas, we are nudged onwards in a new direction. This week, we could make a conscious effort to move away from the noise and lights, to still our minds, and to open our hearts to God's call.

Tríona Doherty

## OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED & BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

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

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

You can also read our latest Newsletter at the above links.

**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 -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/

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To read our Newsletter and for all Parish News and Information

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/

**Jubilee Year information:** 

www.waterfordlismore.ie/jubilee2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH THANK YOU.

€2,103

#### HOLY DAY MASS MONDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 10.00am Mass in Butlerstown Mass in St. Paul's 11.30am

## PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN RECONCILIATION WEEKEND

Will take place next weekend 13th/14th of December.

Opportunities for Individual Confession and Absolution immediately after the 6.00pm, 8.30am, 10.00am Butlerstown and 11.30am Masses.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Annual Collection takes place this weekend. Envelopes are available at the Church entrance.

Many thanks for your great support throughout the year.

### DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meet on Thursday afternoons in the Prayer Room, St. Paul's Church. All are welcome to join us to pray for peace in the world, vocations to the priesthood, healing in family life. We start at 3pm—Hour of Mercy

### MEDUGORIE CHRISTMAS HEALING MASS

will take place on Wednesday next, 10th of December at Mount Sion, starting at 7pm with Rosary, Mass at 7.30pm. Carol singing during Mass. Celebrant Fr Bobby Power. All are welcome. Refreshments on the night

## CHRISTMAS PONGO AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE

With Dick Roche on Sunday 14th of December 3 to 5pm. All Welcome. All money raised will go towards St Paul's **Jubilee Clock** 

## #HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC **SCHOOL**

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025

See - <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-">https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-</a> education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

### ADVENT ENCOUNTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Reconciliation Service for Young Adults – to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Friday 19th December at 8pm in St John's Church, Parnell St., Waterford - a time of adoration, music, confession available, followed by food and chat! Open to all aged 18 - 35. More info on www.waterfordlismore.ie/vouthministry

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something.

Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us - happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.'

- Pope Francis

## THE JUBILEE CLOCK St. Paul's Church, Lisduggan

"This clock will stand as a witness to the hours we've shared the laughter, the labour, and the legacy of fifty years."

We are now at the stage of gathering resources and raising funds to meet the requirements of bringing The Jubilee Clock Project to completion. Please pick up a copy of the updated information leaflet in the Church. Envelopes are also available for those who would like to contribute.

We are inviting support from all who would like to play a part in bringing this unique landmark into being, in any way, great or small. Donations can be made at the Church or online through the parish website www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie Please select Donate to Parish Funds. under Donor Information/Add a Message please type Jubilee Clock.

### GOSPEL (MATTHEW 3:1-12)

The Gospel urges us to prepare the way of the Lord - as God prepared a way for Christ over many centuries. John the Baptist urges us this week to prepare the way for Christ's coming by reshaping our hearts and our lives, by giving God priority in our lives. To make space in our busy lives for prayer and reflection.

To fill our hearts with gratitude to God for the gift of each new day and the opportunities that arise each day to practice love, kindness and compassion. Winding beds and crooked roads prevent us from clearly seeing the way ahead Life is like that. None of us have a definite view of what the future holds. We walk into the mystery of our lives with its twists & turns, trusting in God to guide us.