

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.15 am to 12.45 pm. and Tuesday 2 to 3pm  
**E-mail:** [stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com)  
**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)  
**Facebook:** St Pauls Church Lisduggan.  
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/butlerstown> and [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://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

TOMMY KINSELLA  
PADDY KINSELLA  
DALE BYRN E  
PATSY BYRNE  
AMBER BYRNE  
ALICE O'LEARY  
MARY & PAUL SULLIVAN  
CATHERINE HALLIGAN  
& THOMAS HALLIGAN  
PADDY LUCAS  
EILEEN SHANAHAN (Months Mind)  
EILY SHANAHAN  
BREDA POWER

### BUTLERSTOWN

CATHERINE  
& CATHERINE ANN POWER  
ANASTASIA BURKE

May They Rest in Peace



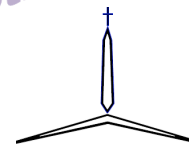
Lord

Teach me to treat others with  
kindness and respect, just as you did  
during your time on earth.  
Help me to listen to their needs,  
offer encouragement and support,  
and always be there for them in times  
of need. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Lord, take hold of our hands  
this day and see us through  
this time of sorrow and  
loss. and help us to place our  
trust in your gentle care.  
In the days that lie ahead,  
keep us close to you, that we  
may find comfort and peace  
in the nearness of your  
unfailing love.

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



24th of August, 2025 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.*

## World of Love

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child, and you hear them saying that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens love and narrows our freedom. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life. In laying down life for a friend, the cross was a narrow door.

Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then dedicated to prayer and to worship, as well as loving our neighbour.

Love demands a lot as well as giving a lot. With the people we most love, we are most vulnerable and they can bring the worst and the best out in us.

The sick child, the elderly in the family, those in prison or in a difficult marriage call on our love, as does a husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. There is a special love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely calls too on our love. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time - the condition is that, in the way of the living God, you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.



*Donal Neary S.J.*

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/butlerstown>

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

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/>

 **DONATE**

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/>

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

ST PAUL'S CHURCH      €1,805  
HOLYDAY COLLECTION   €230.00

Thank you

#### GROTTO ROSARY AT THE LOURDES GROTTO, BELVEDERE

will take place every Monday, Wednesday &  
Friday at 6.30pm through to September. All  
are welcome to join us to pray for world  
peace.

#### MEDUGORJE MASS

There will be no Mass this month as the group  
will be in Medugorje. The next mass will be  
on Wednesday 24th of September.

#### ST. PAULS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING

will take place in the Parish Centre on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September at 10.30am. All are  
welcome

ST. PAUL'S LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE  
GROUP will resume their meetings at  
11.15am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September in  
the Parish Centre.

#### AUTUMN COLLECTION—NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the  
Parish will take place on the weekend of the  
14<sup>th</sup> of September.

We would appreciate the help of our envelope  
distributors in your usual areas.

**Butlerstown Envelopes** can be collected from  
Butlerstown Sacristy from the weekend of the  
31<sup>st</sup> of August.

**St Paul's Envelopes** will be available for  
collection from the Parish Centre on  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September from 10.30am to  
11.30am** and also during the normal office  
hours the following week.  
Thank you for your help.

TEA AND COFFEE AND A CHAT in St. Paul's  
Parish Centre at 10.30am each Wednesday  
morning after Mass. **All very welcome to  
come along.**

#### THE NARROW DOOR (Luke 13:22-30 )

What types of challenges do we face in our  
lives today and what do we choose to do? And  
when we face these challenges, do we persevere  
to do what is right or do we take the easy path  
out through the back door.

- When faced with situations that make us  
angry, how often do we stay calm?
- When faced with those who are better and  
more successful than us, how often do we  
give in to jealousy?
- When faced with situations to tell the  
truth, how often have we given way to  
lying?
- When faced with people in need of our  
love, our respect and our kindness – our  
parents, spouses, children, neighbours, the  
weak and underprivileged, the lonely, the  
elderly... how often have we given them  
our love?
- When faced with situations to speak out for  
justice and what is right, how often have  
we raised our voice?
- When faced with the need to be with our  
children – either for their homework, their  
play or another need – how often have we  
given in to our personal pleasures.
- When faced with the need to work hard,  
how often have we given way to laziness  
and pushed things away for later?

Those are all situations when we need to go  
through the narrow door. Do we push our way  
through the narrow door, or do we give up and  
take the easy way out?

*Sacred Heart Catholic Tamil Group*  
[www.shtcg.org](http://www.shtcg.org)

#### PRAYER TO ST MONICA, PATRONESS OF MOTHERS (FEAST DAY 27 AUGUST)

O glorious St. Monica, patron saint of  
mothers,

I come before you seeking your prayers  
for my children, especially (*name*)  
You know the anxieties of a mother and  
the desires of a mother's heart  
So I ask you to pray for the safety of my  
children before the Lord.

Ask Him to bless them with the graces  
they need to know, love and to serve  
Him with humility, faithfulness and  
love.

I also ask you to pray that I be an  
example of God's love for them and that  
through my prayers and example they  
will desire a deep abiding relationship  
with God. Amen.



#### ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO • FEAST 28 AUGUST

Below are quotes from St Augustine (354–  
430), one of the greatest theologians and  
philosophers of the early Church: his  
writings – especially Confessions and The  
City of God – are filled with deep spiritual  
insights.

- 'To fall in love with God is the  
greatest romance; to seek Him the  
greatest adventure; to find Him, the  
greatest human achievement.'
- Faith is to believe what you do not  
see; the reward of this faith is to see  
what you believe.'