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PRAYER TO ST CLARE *Feast Day 11th August*

Blessed St. Clare,
You trusted in the Blessed Sacrament
as your only protection.
In your hour of need you heard a
voice from the Sacred Host:
"I will always take care of you".
We entrust our needs to you, especially .
(mention your requests)
Enkindle in us a tender love for Jesus and Mary.
Help us to trust Him as you did.
Intercede for our families, our friends,
our youth and all those who need our prayers.
We pray for our church, our country
and our suffering world.
Amen

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

JOHN MCCARTHY (Months Mind)
MARY WALSHE (Months Mind)
MALCOLM HOME
CATHERINE SULLIVAN (Birthday Rem)
DARREN DUNPHY
LICIA CLOONEY
YVONNE O'MAHONY
JOHN FARRELL
MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN
JAMES FANNING
ANN KIRBY
EDWARD DALY & his mother
MARGARET FOX
PEGGY DEVEREUX & her husband JOHN
& Family
DAVID WALSH
BUTLERSTOWN
ANN ENNIS
JOSEPHINE MULLEN
May They Rest in Peace



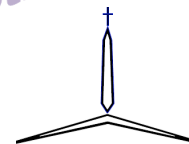
Dear Lord,

Embrace the bereaved and
those whose hearts today
overflow with grief,
unanswered questions and a
sense of loss.

Please grant them space
to express their tears,
hold them close and give
them peace in the coming
days.
Amen.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



10th of August, 2025 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Ballybricken, Holy Family, St. Saviour's, Butlerstown, Dunhill & Fenor, Tramore & Carbally. '*

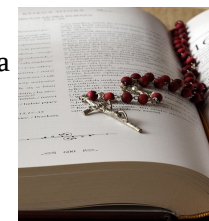
A Gift & A Challenge (Luke 12:32-48)

The idea that the kingdom of God is both a gift and a challenge is very present in the extract from the gospel that is put before us today. The encouraging opening words inspire confidence in the hearers as Jesus reminds his 'little flock' that there is no need for fear because the kingdom has been given. So if the disciples are not to fear, what should they do? Jesus answers this question in a most challenging way by telling them to think differently about the world and their place in it. They should not be concerned about wealth or the exercise of power; rather they should busy themselves doing what the Lord asks of them as any good servant would do. Jesus puts it to his disciples very sternly — much has been given you, so much will be expected from you. This is not to inspire fear but to inspire reflection on how gifted we truly are.

Both today's readings highlight the meaning of faith, and stress that it has more to do with trusting in God than it has with believing certain truths. On the night of Passover the Israelites, who were a powerless band of runaway slaves, were escaping from the greatest empire in the world. They were heading out into the wilderness not knowing their final destination.

Equally Abraham and Sarah were asked to set out for a land they did not know and to leave everything with which they were familiar.

In following Christ, we too are asked to take God's hand and to follow a path which is often at odds with the values of the world in which we live. We are to be Christ's instruments as he reaches out to those most in need.



Sean Goan

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

ST PAUL'S CHURCH €1,951

Thank you

HOLY DAY FRIDAY, 15TH OF AUGUST

Mass in Butlerstown at 10am

Mass in St. Paul's at 11.30am

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS

THE CEMETERY MASSE WILL TAKE PLACE
AT TEMPLAR'S CEMETERY ON
THE 24TH OF AUGUST AT 3PM

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.



A MOMENTOUS OCCASION

Sunday July 20th a day to be remembered in
the life of the Diocese of Waterford and
Lismore when three young men – Brian, Eric
and David were instituted to the Ministry of
Acolytes by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan at the
Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. He was
assisted by many priests and deacons and the
attendance included family and friends. It was
a very touching and moving ceremony and
will be remembered by all present into the
future and hopefully will encourage others to
come forward to serve.

David Cooney, a member of St. Paul's Divine
Mercy Prayer Group for many years, was one
of the Acolytes. David, on behalf of your
many friends and the Grotto Rosary Group we
extend to you many blessing as you move
forward in prayerful service throughout the
diocese. May each of you know that we are all
supporting you as you continue your journey
to the Diaconate. *Helen Treacy, Prayer Group Leader.*

HOSPITALITY.

C.S. Lewis said once that the way to become a
Christian is to act like one. If we consciously
try to act like a Christian, one day we will wake
up and find that we are. One aspect of being a
Christian that we might never equate with
following Jesus is hospitality. But if we look at
the Scriptures, we find that the ministry of
hospitality is mentioned quite often.

I recently went back to the seminary where I
was educated, and I was reminded about the
importance of hospitality. The seminary is
owned by the Benedictines. If one knows
anything about the rule of St Benedict, then
you know that hospitality was very important
to Benedict. Benedict said once that we are to
welcome everyone who comes to our door as if
they were Christ. At Benedictine monasteries
one of the most important positions is that of
guest master. The guest master greets visitors
and makes sure that they have a place to stay
and that their needs are cared for. If the person
cannot pay, they stay for free. Why? Because
they are an embodiment of Christ.

We are reminded this Sunday that Jesus comes
to our door as a visitor often. Do we recognise
him, and do we show him hospitality? This is
an important part of being a disciple.

*'To be hospitable we have to get out of ourselves
and become interested in the other.'* (Gula)
Often our lack of hospitality is simply the
failure to notice and acknowledge others and
their needs – the needs of the larger world and
the needs of those closest to us. Jesus models
that attentiveness. He noticed the sick, the
excluded, the hungry, those that others passed
by. God continues to be attentive. As we think
about the ministry of Jesus, we are called to
heighten our awareness of others so that we
too can carry on this ministry *Gerald M. Fagin SJ*

MUSINGS

'If the householder had known at what hour
the burglar would come, he would not have
let anyone break through the wall of his
house.' (Luke 12:39)

I used to think this line on the Gospel
belonged to another age. Thieves are more
discreet than that, breaking in not through a
wall but via an unguarded door or an open
window.

That was until I saw the first ATM robbery,
when a bulldozer was used to break down
the wall of a bank and remove the banklink
machine, with all its money intact. It struck
me then that the scriptures were well rooted,
that the avarice in people's hearts is timeless
– as are the actions it leads to.

People are not so different now from the
those Jesus observed. Then, as now, some
begin with enthusiasm, but fall back to their
former ways. And some come late in the day
to the conclusion that Jesus was right, and act
accordingly. Lord, teach me wisdom. Keep
me from the avarice that leads to
wrongdoing. *Fr Bernard Cotter*



Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy
will.

Prayer of St Ignatius