PARISH INFORMATION

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LIVE STREAMING

Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <u>https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s</u> and <u>https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown</u> 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

MICHAEL WATERS (MM) WILLIAM KELLY **RAYMOND EELLY & DAVID ROCHE** JOHN MANNING PADDY O'DONOGHUE His wife MARY, daughters LUCY & THERESA & grandson GERRY WILLIAM GRANT (Birthday Rem) ELIZABETH, THERESA & NOELEEN FLYNN WILLIAM & MIRIAM McGRATH EILEEN READE PADDY O'SULLIVAN (Birthday Rem) MAURA & TOM DUNPHY JIM KENNEDY DENIS MULLALLY JIM FENNESSY MORTIMER (MURT) McINERNEY (who died recently) THERESA COSTINE DOMINIC HEARNE **IOHANNA DOYLE**

BUTLERSTOWN ANNE TERESA COOPER DECLAN KELLY (Ballycashin) DOMINIC HEARNE (Oliver's Hill) May They Rest in Peace



GOOD SAMARITAN PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes, that we might not cross the road from human need. May our love of you and love of our neighbour call us to be people of peace and justice in the world. And may we, like the Good Samaritan,

always 'go and do likewise'. Amen.



Lord, I leave all my loved ones in your care and I ask that you protect and guide them daily. Lead them O lord, at every point of their need. Be their keeper and give them the opportunity to enjoy good health in all the days of their lives.



13th of July 2025 - FIFTEENTH 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.'

The Teller of the Story

Is this the best story ever written! Because we know it so well, we may gloss over it. It challenges us on many levels - the inclusiveness of everyone as our neighbour; the way we can pass by human needs, and how the most rejected people can respond positively. It is a story of how many of us miss tragedy under our noses, and how many suffer because of the cruelty of others. It's mainly a story to ask us to respond as positively as we can to all human need.

It also points to the person who told the story. Jesus could tell this story because he was the good Samaritan himself. His heart went out to those who were suffering most at the hands of others. He could tell it also because he knew what it was like to be an outcast - rejected by his own people, and in danger all the time of being victimised even to death like the man at the side of the road.

He brings it further also - saying that the commandment of God is seen in the way the Good Samaritan responded. The second great commandment is to love the neighbour, and the neighbour is the one of any colour, nationality, age



or family who may be in need. All can be helped to their feet and to carry on in life through the help and care of another.

The final words to take from the gospel today are simple yet difficult -'*Go and do the same yourself.*' **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/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

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CHURCH COLLECTION ST. PAUL'S €2.042 THANK YOU CEMETERY MASSES Our Cemetery Masses will take place as follows:

31ST JULY- LISNAKILL	7.00 P.M.
24TH AUGUST- TEMPLAR'S	CEMETERY 3PM

GROTTO ROSARY AT THE LOURDES GROTTO, BELVEDERE

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

THE ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 20 JULY

Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via <u>prayer@pioneers.ie</u> for further details.



God of love,

May we always see the world through the eyes of the Good Samaritan and be filled with your deep compassion. Help us to be merciful neighbours even when it is inconvenient, when we don't have time, or when we have other responsibilities to attend to.

Grant us the insight to see the need in those around us, the wisdom to know how to respond, and the strength to do so willingly.

THREE STEPS

The parable of the Good Samaritan brings out the practical nature of authentic charity. There are three

steps in his response to the plight of the man dumped in the ditch.

The first step in love is to see people, to be aware of them and attentive. Our eyes open the shutters of our aloofness when we take notice of people. Being attentive we hear them knocking on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. But so often we are experts at ignoring people and keeping them out.

The second step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion for the injured traveller Compassion literally means feeling-with, responding to the pain of the other person. When others knock at the door, compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them, whether it is in sharing tears in their sorrow, or celebrating with their joy or giving to their emptiness.

The third step in charity is to translate feeling into practical action. It is amazing how many excuses we can find to avoid helping somebody in need. But really, there is no excuse to justify failing to assist somebody in a case of life or death. The two churchy men were guided by harsh legalism to pass by on the other side. But when the Samaritan came to the scene, he was moved with compassion at what he saw. His hands sprang into practical action. **capuchinfranciscans.ie**

MURAL OF OUR LADY OF WATERFORD

On Saturday July 12th at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan blessed the recently completed mural of Our Lady of Waterford. The mural has been painted on the side of the former PTSB bank building which is next door to the Cathedral.

The image of Our Lady of Waterford has a remarkable and storied history, dating back to the Dominican Abbey founded in 1226. Even through the darkness of persecution, the people of Waterford held fast to their devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

In 1541, as the Abbey of St Saviour's was surrendered to Henry VIII, a miraculous image of Mary in the Lady Chapel was specially noted. Despite religious suppression, Waterford's faithful continued to honour her — to such a degree that the Anglican bishop complained in 1580 about people praying the Rosary and placing decorated images of Our Lady in their doorways.

Though hidden and repainted over the centuries to protect her from destruction, the statue survived — restored, re-crowned, and finally returned to Waterford in 1876, where she continues to be venerated today in St. Saviour's Church.

The new mural at the Cathedral, commissioned by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan and painted by artist Marie-Jeanne Jacob, stands as a testament to centuries of enduring devotion — a reminder that Our Lady of Waterford continues to watch over her people.