

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING/SUPPORT SERVICES

Following the recent changes to the Government guidelines on the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions, we are pleased to let you know that our face to face Bereavement Support and Counselling Services are once again available at **Family Ministry, St. John's Pastoral Centre Waterford**. In addition to this, our online services will continue to operate.

Please contact us at 051 858772

Recall in prayer who in your family or friendship circle may be lost in some way. How can you help? Lord, may your kingdom come.

LIVE STREAMING Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-s> and <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown> and www.stpaulschurch.ie. There is also a continuous live stream from the churches during the day, 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

JIM FENNESSY
JOE, MAY, ANDY
& JOE FITZGERALD
JOHN, EVELYN, GERALD &
KATHLEEN McNEILL
MARIE ST. LEGER
JIM KENNEDY
BRIDGET CULLIMORE
DENIS MULLALLY
KITTY FITZGERALD
KELLY COLLINS (Birthday rem)
EDDIE O'CONNOR
BRENDAN TIERNEY
IRENE DAVY
BRIDGET TREACY

Butlerstown

THOMAS CASHIN

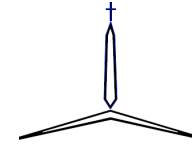
May they Rest in Peace.



Lord, great people are like Jesus - they know that it is necessary at times to go away to a lonely place and rest for a while; - but they know too that there are times when we have to forego our moment of rest because there are people out there who are like sheep without a shepherd, and we must come to their aid. Help us to be more like the shepherd.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



18th of JULY, 2021 - SIXTEENTH 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.'

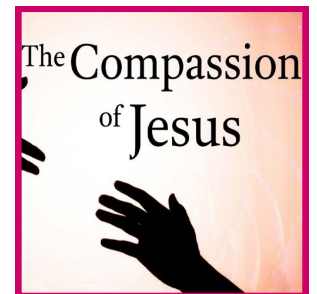
TAKE A BREAK

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common – she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Triona Doherty



**PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN
MASS ATTENDANCE—WELCOME
BACK!**

We have now returned to our normal Mass Schedule in accordance with current Government Guidelines.

- We **will not** have a booking system in place so please come along in good time.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times when in the Churches and Parish Centre.
- Please use Sanitizer provided.
- Social Distance of 2 metres must be maintained.
- Please only occupy seats which are marked.
- There are some seats designated for families and our volunteers will guide you to these areas if required.
- Please observe markings in the aisles when going to receive Holy Communion.
- Please assist in wiping the area where you were seated at the end of Mass - wipes will be provided.
- Please place offerings in the containers in the porch as you enter or leave.
- Exit slowly from the back - please do not rush the exits.
- Please do not assemble outside the church doors.
- Our Masses will also continue to be Live Streamed and broadcast on the Radio.

For Live Streaming of Mass from either St. Paul's or Butlerstown Church Just click or go to the links below:

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-s>

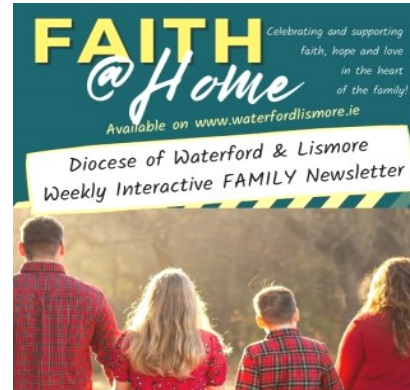
LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN
<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown>

RADIO: Morning Mass from St. Paul's Church may be heard on the Radio 107.9FM
CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Paul's Church weekdays 11am - 1.00pm.

Butlerstown Church daily 12.00 to 4.00pm

Please wear a face mask, use sanitizer provided and observe social distancing.



for this week's Faith @ Home visit
<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources>

When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

MASS BOOKINGS

Mass. To book a Mass in either Butlerstown or St. Paul's please Ring the Parish Office at at **357730**. Thank you.



DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation to Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown please click the **Donate Button** on our website.

Mark 6:30-34

Today's passage is the prologue to the story of the feeding of five thousand with five loaves and two fish (6:30-44) — a story whose perfect form is found in Mark.



As the prologue, it is there to establish the reason why the people were there and in need of feeding. As a distinct element within the story, it shows us Mark combining the images of shepherd (one who guides and protects), teacher (one who feeds understanding and guides) and the one who cares (feeds with food and looks out for the people) in the person and work of Jesus.

The opening verses of this passage 'come away ... and rest awhile' have launched a thousand retreats — but with scarce reference to the actual meaning of Mark's text. The whole point of Mark's story is that while it might be nice for Jesus and the disciples to have time 'away from it all', that is not to be for the simple reason that there is a people in need of pity.
Thomas O'Loughlin

THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY, will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).



To read Pope Francis' Message click [HERE](#)
The voice of the elderly 'is precious,' Pope Francis said, 'because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.' The elderly, he continued, 'remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life.'

Plant a Tree in their memory

The Catholic Grandparents Association is inviting families to 'Plant a Tree in their Memory' on Sunday 25 July.

By planting this tree, families and parishes have a chance to remember all those grandparents and elders, including elderly priests and religious, who have passed away after a lifetime of dedication, love and service to their families and parishes.

The tree planting could be a small private and prayerful event in the garden of a family home. A well known quote reminds us that **'Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago'**. Not only is this a wonderful way for families to honour grandparents and elders, it is also a wonderful way to give something to future generations. Click [here](#) for prayer service for the Plant a Tree in their Memory initiative.