

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Web: [www.stpaulschurch.ie](http://www.stpaulschurch.ie)

Facebook: St Pauls Church Lisduggan.

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

*When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?*

**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](http://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

JOHN BROWN (MM)

ANGI O'SULLIVAN

ANN KIRBY

JOHN FARRELL

SR. HELEN POWER

& her parents

BILLY & PEGGY

JACK QUILTY

SARAH COLLINS (BR)

CATHERINE SULLIVAN (BR)

MICHAEL WALSH

(who died recently)

PATRICK & MARGARET

SHERIDAN & FAMILY

MICHAEL, ELLEN, ROBERT &

ESSIE WALSH

EDWARD & CATHERINE WYSE &

FAMILY

CHARLEY & COLEEN CONDON

ANN & BILLY CONDON



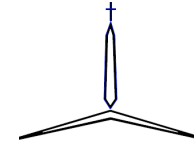
*May they Rest in Peace.*

*When I don't know  
which way to go,  
I ask that I would know  
your presence near me,  
guiding me in the right  
direction.*

*I do not want to go  
anywhere without you  
Lord, because being in  
your presence is best  
for me.*

*Protect me and direct  
my steps. Amen.*

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



8th of August 2021 - NINETEENTH 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.'

## UPHILL STRUGGLE

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

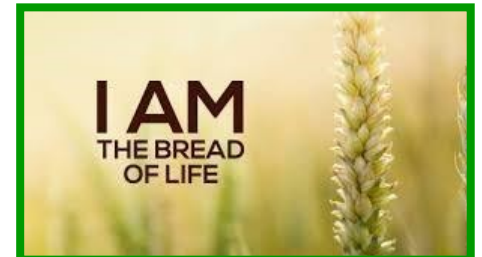
At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life – more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

*'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'*

*(Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)*

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>

**ST. PAUL'S HOSPITALITY GROUP WILL MEET** in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 10th of August at 7.00pm.

### ST. PAUL'S SCOUT GROUP

New members welcome from September. We cater for boys and girls from the age of six to eighteen years.  
Beavers 6-9 years, Cubs 9-12 years  
Scouts 12-16 years, Venture 16-18 years.  
We are also recruiting leaders for beaver and cub sections anyone interested please contact Breda Murphy at [bmurphstpauls@outlook.ie](mailto:bmurphstpauls@outlook.ie) or on our facebook page St. Paul's Scout Group.



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

### SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL

Calling all 16 - 35 year olds!  
Youth 2000 National Summer Festival  
13 - 15 August!  
More info on how to register at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)



The Youth 2000 Ireland Summer Festival for 16-35 year olds will be taking place online from 13-15th of August at youth2000.ie Waterford is one of the satellite venues for this national festival and Masses will be celebrated in person in St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, Waterford on Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 4pm with a healing and reconciliation service at 8:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan.

Register now to hear inspiring workshops, moving testimonies and excellent talks from keynote speaker Fr. Aelred Magee OSCO. For more details visit youth2000.ie and keep an eye on Y2K social media pages.

### PRAYER FOR CLARITY

Lord, May your words be like a lamp that lights my way.  
May your love be like a compass that gives me direction.  
May your truth be like a signpost bringing clarity.  
May your peace be like a measure that guides my decisions.  
May your hope be like a flag that declares I walk with you.  
May your words be in my mind,  
Your love guide my feet,  
Your truth be a sign,  
Your peace be a measure,  
And your hope be a flag,  
As I walk close to you at this time. Amen.

### FIRST READING - SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST.

We are invited on the first reading, to recognise ourselves in the Elijah story as people who, if they are to be faithful on the journey, need to be sustained. We can easily become dispirited either at our own shortcomings or at the failings of others. However, as we are often reminded in the scriptures, we must learn to rely not only on our own resources but on the guiding presence of God that directs our life.

It is probably true to say that it is almost a necessity in our journey of faith that we come to a low point. In the biblical tradition and in that of the church, all the heroes and heroines come to a stage where they too have to acknowledge their own weakness and utter dependence on God. This does not come easily to us because it can seem like failure. That is when we need to remind ourselves of what the Lord said to Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Cor 12:9)  
Sean Goan

### AUGUST - SAINTS FEAST DAYS

**Edith Stein – St Teresa Benedict of the Cross (1891-1942) 9 August**

Edith managed to write little notes that were smuggled out to her Carmelite community from Auschwitz concentration camp. One note read; 'A "science of the Cross" can be gained only if one is made to feel the Cross in the depths of one's being.' Making the Sign of the Cross shows us that our lives are forever guided by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
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**St Clare (1193-1253) 11 August**

Clare is often portrayed in art as holding a monstrance with the Eucharist in defence of an attack by Saracen mercenaries on her convent community. Clare witnessed to holiness and humanity, wisdom and welcome to all. She was canonised two years after her death.  
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**St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) 14 August**

Maximilian worked to spread the message of God's love in Poland and in Japan through the setting up of a printing press. He gave radical expression to God's love when he offered to take the place of a father who was going to be executed by the Nazis in 1941 in Auschwitz.