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Facebook: St Pauls Church Lisduggan.
Butlerstown Parish Facebook

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING/SUPPORT SERVICES

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.

PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN MASS TIMES

Please contact us at 051 858772

Weekdays:

St. Paul's - 10am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Butlerstown - 10am on Thursday

Sundays:

St Paul's - 6pm Vigil, 8.30am, 11.30am
Butlerstown - 10am

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

RICHARD (DICK) McGUIRE JOE ASHFORD & his parents & sister THERESA HEALY (BR) **MARY MADDOX** & her father WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN **BESSIE & JIMMY KIRWAN** MAY & JOHN KEANE JAMES SUTTON **BARBARA HURLEY** MICK FLYNN ANN FORSEY MARGARET POWER RICHARD FITZGERALD CATHERINE & THOMAS HALLIGAN **CATHERINE & THOMAS HIGGINS** MARGARET & BRENDAN O'SHEA RICHARD BARRY **OWEN NEVILLE** MARY CROWLEY **BRIDGET COADY** TONY DUNPHY VERONICA POWER (BR)

May they Rest in Peace.



O God,

open our hearts to prepare the way for the coming of Christ.

Guide us in your ways of compassion

So that we may extend

So that we may extend your love and mercy to all people.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal Word Who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.



28th of November, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.'

SLOW WAITING

The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

How is my faith this year from last year? Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for Jesus - Mass more often than Sunday, the Angelus every day, to read the gospel each day, to be kinder and more just, care for the poor and needy at home or away. Let my Advent bring me closer to God and effect for the best the

lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols sung too early and the celebrations too early, can remind us of the God who is coming soon in Jesus Christ, to be born of Mary.



Donal Neary S. J.

MASS ATTENDANCE IN OUR PARISHES

- Face Masks must be worn at all times 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 see 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 on the Radio at **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 mask & follow guidelines

FR. JOHN DINEEN OCSO

Fr. John Dineen OCSO from Belvedere, who was recently ordained in Melleray, will celebrate the 6pm Mass this Saturday 27th of November in St. Paul's.

We look forward to welcoming this son of the Parish as he celebrates Mass amongst us for the first time.

BUTLERSTOWN ANNUAL MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The Annual Mass for the Holy Souls will be celebrated in Butlerstown Church this Sunday 28th November at 3.00 p.m.

TROCAIRE

This weekend, 27th /28th of November we will invite contributions for Trocaire towards the relief of the emerging famine in parts of Africa.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will take place next weekend 4th/5th of December. Thank you for your ongoing support.

"LIVE ADVENT DIFFERENTLY" ONLINE YOUTH ADVENT CALENDAR

Daily online Advent Calendar from Ascend Youth Ministry (Diocese of Waterford & Lismore), with practical actions, a short prayer, and a song / video for each day of the Advent Season. Take a few minutes each day to prepare for Christmas!

Bookmark the page or add to your home screen! https://tinyurl.com/AscendAdvent

As the road signs in our every day life show us the way, may we too be signs of God's love and compassion for others, especially for those who are suffering during these difficult times in our neighbourhood, in our country and in our world.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In 2022 our Parish will be fifty years old. St. Paul's Church was opened on 17th February, 1972 and Blessed and Dedicated on 7th May, 1972.

We hope to celebrate this Golden Jubilee in many ways throughout 2022. There is much to celebrate in this community, much to remember and much inspiration for the future. Please pick up a Programme of Events for our Jubilee Celebrations in the Church or or view it on-line at www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie

ADVENT

May your journey through Advent
Be Blessed and Joyful
And may it lead you daily more deeply
Into who You truly are...
The Person God dreamed you to be.
When He created you.



For this week's Faith @ Home visit https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/



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IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

The first day of Advent heralds the beginning of the Catholic Church's new year. Advent (from 'ad-venire' in Latin or "to come to") is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

Our Advent Calendar will go live this Sunday, 28 November 2021 at www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/

Now in its eighth year, our Digital Advent Calendar is offering resources for the parish, school and the home which are available behind a virtual door each day during the Season of Advent. There will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. The theme of the Advent Calendar this year is Hope. It has been a difficult year for so many people as we faced the ongoing consequences of a global pandemic.

We invite people to journey with us this Advent Season by #SharingHope through acts of kindness and charity that all of us are encouraged to undertake during the month of December. *Note:* The virtual doors above cannot be opened ahead of their actual date. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning.