

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

Please contact us at 051 858772

PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN MASS TIMES

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/butlerstown> 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

BILLY SUTTON
PETER O'TOOLE
DANIEL JOHNSTON
JACK & MAGGIE CULLINANE
CHARLES McCANN
JAMES CHRISTY POWER (MM)
MARY MURPHY
FRANK McCARTHY
BREDA KELLY
EDDIE FANNING
ANN TOBIN

MARY MURPHY & her father EDDIE
PEGGY MARTIN
JIM & EILY QUINN & DECEASED
MEBERS OF THE QUINN
& JACOB FAMILIES
MAY O'REGAN
JOSEPHINE & JOHN KENNEDY
SIMON IRELAND
BILLY HICKEY

BUTLERSTOWN

KITTY CHEASTY
& her sister PEGGY FLYNN (MM)
ALICE DOODY
BRIDGET HAYES

May they Rest in Peace.

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE



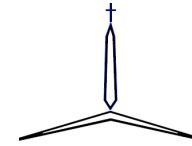
Bless this tree,
this sign of life
and freshness and
perseverance in
creation.

It is a reminder that you are born
anew in us each day.

Bless our family and friends as we
celebrate this joyful season. Keep
us safe in our travels, kind in our
conversations, and gracious in our
giving and receiving.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



12TH OF DECEMBER, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Guadete Sunday)

*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.'*

THIS MID-POINT OF ADVENT

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary - don't overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor.

Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life.



The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

Fr. Donal Neary

In Advent we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the light Jesus brings. In small but important ways we can bring light into the lives of those around us. Simple acts of kindness, sharing our time, talents or resources with those in need, is the only way Christ's light will shine for many people this Christmas. In our time, through the gift of the Spirit, the Word becomes flesh in us.

Sean Goan

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

GAUDETE SUNDAY.

The Episcopal Conference has suggested that **Church Bells** can be rung in all our churches on Gaudete Sunday 12th December 2021. Bells are not always rung in jubilation but also as a call to prayer and as a reminder that God is with us. Listen out for the Bells being rung in a special way on Sunday 12th December.

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND DECEMBER

18TH/19TH Opportunity for Individual Confession & Absolution immediately after 6pm, 8.30am and 11.30am Mass in St. Paul's and 10.00am Mass in Butlerstown.

CONFESSIONS

Confession will take place in St. Paul's Church on Friday 24th of December from 11am to 1.00pm

A TIME OF PRAYER, SCRIPTURE & HYMNS BUTERSTOWN CHURCH

IN JOYFUL PERPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS on Monday 13th of December at 7.30pm. This Prayer Service will also be available through Live Streaming at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown>

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER IN BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

On December 15th and 22nd at 11.00am. These Prayer Services will also be available through Live Streaming at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown>

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

As part of our Golden Jubilee we would like to celebrate special Wedding Anniversaries, especially of those related to the first year of the parish - 1972. We hope to do this around St. Valentine's Day. If you would like to be part of a special liturgy, could you please let us know? Hand in details at the Parish Office.



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

NOTICES FOR DISTRIBUTORS PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S AND BUTLERSTOWN

We would appreciate your help with the Parish Christmas Delivery in your normal areas, if you are available and happy to do so.
Butlerstown Church: Delivery can be collected from the Church Sacristy after 10am Mass on Sunday and Thursday and other days at 12.00 noon.

St Paul's : Delivery can be collected from the Parish Office from Monday 13th of December.
Many thanks for your continued help .



DONATE

DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation to Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown please click the **Donate Button** on our website.
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie

- ◆ **LATEST NEWS AND NOTICES**
- ◆ **DETAILS ON BOOKING BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**
- ◆ **INFORMATION REGARDING ALL SACRAMENTS**
- ◆ **READINGS OF THE DAY**
- ◆ **OUR GALLERY OF PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ◆ **TO CONTACT US ... and MUCH MORE**

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER 2021 FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

This event has been in existence for over 80 years. It is usually held in St. Joseph's School in the City. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will be unable to host the dinner indoors again this year.

However, we will repeat the same service as in 2020 with a takeaway service from the school yard in front of the building.

This will take place between 12.30 and 13.30 on Christmas Day.

We will only have 3 Committee members on duty to comply with social distancing. We therefore ask all volunteers NOT to turn up again this year. Please God we will be back to some sort of normality in 2022.

"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>

THE SISTERS OF THE MORNING STAR

will have a Christmas Craft Sale on the 11th and 12th December from 10.00 am to 5.30 pm in the Friary, Lady Lane, Waterford.