

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

ANN DUNNE (MM)
MARGARET (EDNA) O'SHEA
TONY CUNNINGHAM
PADDY DOWER
BRYAN CUNNINGHAM
MICHAEL ENNIS
RITA & PADDY WHELAN
MAGGIE & CHRISTY KEANE
MAUREEN HURLEY
CATHERINE SULLIVAN
TOM GOUGH
MICHAEL HEALY
THOMAS & KATHLEEN
FITZGERALD
& daughter KATHLEEN
THOMAS McLAWRENCE JNR.

May they Rest in Peace.

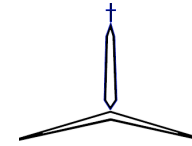


PRAYER AS
WE LIGHT
THE
CHRISTMAS
TREE

Lord God,
let your blessing
come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer
it gives
be a sign of the joy
that fills our hearts.
May all who delight
in this tree
come to the knowledge
and joy of salvation.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



5TH OF DECEMBER, 2021 - SECOND 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.'*

All reminds us God is near

A poet wrote: "*when I am an old woman I shall wear purple*", to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation.



If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - big reminders that God is near. *Donal Neary SJ*

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/butlerstown>

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

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES - 8TH DECEMBER

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass in St. Paul's : 11.30am and 7.30pm
Mass in Butlerstown: 10.00am

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will take place this 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>

TROCAIRE COLLECTION

Our Collection in St. Paul's & Butlerstown Churches which took place last weekend for Trocaire, towards the relief of the emerging famine in parts of Africa, raised a total figure to-date of **€6096**. Thank you for your generous support.



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

ADVENT RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Don't just buy presents – be present to someone.

Don't just send gifts – send peace.

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus.



The light of the world in darkest winter. There are four candles at the centre of the wreath.

The Four Candles

The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. During the first week of Advent, we light one candle, on the second Sunday, the second candle etc.

The Circle

Like the Wedding ring, the circle is a sign of god's love, which includes all of us.

The Evergreens

These point to God's unchanging love, constant in every time, season and mood.

The Three Purple Candles

Purple is the advent colour for repentance and change of heart in preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives.

The Pink or 'Rose' Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent (Rejoicing Sunday), the joy of the forthcoming Christmas event is celebrated.

The White Candle

The white candle in the centre is the Christmas candle. This is lit on Christmas Eve to herald the birth of Jesus.

 **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/>

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www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie

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- ◆ **READINGS OF THE DAY**
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LORD BE WITH ME

May the presence of God calm my soul.

May the peace of God quieten my mind.

May the love of God comfort my heart.

May the fullness of God fill my spirit.

May the light of God guide my way.

May the power of God be my refuge and strength.

May the kindness of God help me in my struggles.

May the gentleness of God keep me in peace.

May the goodness of God give me hope and courage.

May the arms of God hold me in a warm embrace.