

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)

**Facebook:** St Pauls Church Lisduggan.

Butlerstown Parish Facebook

**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](http://www.stpaulschurch.ie) 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 web-sites, 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.

## A PRAYER FOR CALMNESS OF MIND ST JOHN OF THE CROSS—FEAST: 14 DECEMBER

*O Blessed Jesus,  
grant me stillness of soul in Thee.  
Let Thy mighty calmness reign in me.  
Give me control, control over my words,  
thoughts and actions.  
From all irritability, want of meekness, want of  
gentleness, O dear Lord, deliver me.  
By thine own deep patience give  
me patience, stillness of soul in  
Thee.  
Make me in this, and in all, more  
and more like Thee. Amen.*



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

MARY MURPHY

BETTY SUTTON

CATHERINE SULLIVAN

BRIDIE LYNAGH

MARTIN O'BRIEN

& his wife KATHLEEN

MARTIN CONWAY

JEROME CONWAY

THERESA QUILTY

LENA KAVANAGH

MAURA MARGARET GALIBERT (MM)

RICHARD KINSELLA (MM)

FRANK McCARTHY

DONAL COONEY & his wife BRIDIE

BREDA KELLY

THOMAS JUNIOR McLAWRENCE

ANN RYAN

BRIDGET McLAWRENCE

PETER O'TOOLE

JAMES & EILY QUINN & deceased

members of the QUINN & JACOB  
families

JOSEPHINE KENNEDY

MAY O'REGAN

PATRICK & BRIDGET HAYES

SIMON IREALND

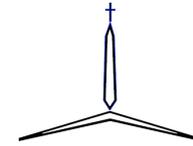
**BUTLERSTOWN**

MARGARET O'BRIEN

*May they Rest in Peace*

Lord of life and love,  
as we give thanks for times past,  
grant us courage  
to embrace the present  
and grace to share the future.  
In memory of loved ones dear,  
kindle their flame  
to shine in the dark  
and light the path ahead.  
Show the way that leads to life  
as we cherish days gone by  
and inspire us with the touch of  
love that faith and hope live on.

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



**11th of December 2022 - THIRD 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.'*

*'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us - happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.'*

*- Pope Francis*

## Good News of God (Matthew 11:2-11)

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practised what he taught.

But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

*Donal Neary SJ*



## MASS ATTENDANCE IN OUR PARISHES

- Please use Sanitizer provided.
- Please observe markings in the aisles when going to receive Holy Communion.
- Our Masses will also continue to be Live Streamed and broadcast on the Radio.

## 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

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

 **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/>

**CHECK IT OUT** For updates on events/series in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore ...Go to the web address below for the current issue of Check it out!  
<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/>

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Good News proclaimed through Christ's birth and life brings hope for all people, especially the poor, the broken-hearted, the captives.

In God's kingdom all that holds people captive will be removed and they will be able to live in harmony, peace and freedom.

Jesus preaching and healing reveals the infinite mercy, understanding and tenderness that God has for each of us.

Through Baptism we are called to give witness to Christ by being bearers of good news and hope, and to be carriers of God's love.

Love and hope shine through us every time we do a simple act of kindness, meet a person with reverence, give our love and our time freely and unconditionally and show understanding, acceptance and compassion.

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel,  
Help us to be bearers of Good News  
and hope to all.  
As we light the third Advent candle,  
may our lives shine out into the world  
with love-filled deeds. Amen.*



## TO SEE THE 2022 INTERACTIVE DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR

go to <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>  
Behind the 28 virtual doors, the calendar offers resources for schools, parishes and the home with short inspirational video messages, some seasonal crafts for children and prayers to help us keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.

## NOTICE FOR ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS - ST. PAUL'S AND BUTLERSTOWN

We would appreciate your help with the Christmas delivery in your usual areas. We hope to have the Envelopes etc. ready for collection in both Churches on or before Thursday 15th of December. We will text you all early next week when we have a definite date and time. Many thanks for your help.

## MEMORIAL BOWS AT BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

The Annual Memorial Bows, made by members of the Butlerstown Scout Group will be available on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December before and after the 10.00am Mass at Butlerstown Church. Funds donated to the parish.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT BROWNES ROAD LIBRARY—ALL WELCOME

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we have Christmas crafts available in the library – come along and make a Christmas decoration or design your own Christmas jumper. Most suited to ages 3 to 10 years. Free event – booking advised – phone (051) 849 614 or email [amodoherty@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:amodoherty@waterfordcouncil.ie).

**Christmas Coffee Morning** on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. Mince pies and refreshments available. All are welcome at this free event, no booking required.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER 2022 FOR THOSE IN NEED

This event has been in existence for over 80 years. It is held in **St. Joseph's School, the Mall** from **12.30 to 14.00**. After 2 years of a take away basis due to Covid restrictions, we are delighted to say that the dinner will go ahead indoors this year. The dinner is completely free of charge for anyone who would like to attend.

## PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS



## DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> RECONCILIATION WEEKEND:

Opportunity for Individual Confession & Absolution, immediately after all Masses  
6.00P.M., 8.30A.M.,  
10.00A.M. (Butlerstown) & 11.30A.M.

## DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>: CONFESSIONS

from 11.00A.M to 1.00P.M. in ST. PAUL'S.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

6.30P.M. BUTLERSTOWN  
8.30P.M. ST. PAUL'S

## FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

7.00P.M. BUTLERSTOWN  
9.00P.M. ST. PAUL'S.

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8.30A.M. ST. PAUL'S  
10.00A.M. BUTLERSTOWN  
11.30A.M. ST. PAUL'S

## DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> MASSES

10.30 A.M. ST. PAUL'S  
12.00 Noon BUTLERSTOWN.  
No Mass on Friday in Butlerstown

## DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> to 30<sup>TH</sup> INCLUSIVE

Mass in St. Paul's at 10.30A.M each morning except Thursday. Normal Schedule for Saturday.

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 MASSES

10.00A.M. BUTLERSTOWN  
11.30A.M. ST. PAUL'S  
7.30P.M. ST. PAUL'S