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Reflection

Joseph is someone about whom we know little. There are few references to him in the gospels apart from the stories about the birth, infancy and childhood of Jesus (see Mt 13:55 and the parallels in Mark and Luke). He is very much a secondary or background figure in the gospel story. Yet, he is a real Advent person because, in a truly humble and remarkable manner, he

prepares for the arrival of the Messiah into his life and into the world. John Litteton



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>ST. PAUL'S</u>

JOHNNY CONNOLLY (MM) KATHLEEN FAHY (MM) ELIZABETH (BETTY) WALSH JOE BREEN EDWARD O'LEARY PADDY DOYLE KITTY O'NEILL (nee COOPER) & her daughter AILEEN **KATHLEEN COMERFORD** EDWARD BYRNE MARGARET KELLY JOE GREENE **MAURICE & MARGARET** CORCORAN, MARY CORCORAN MCHAEL JOSEPHINE O'BRIEN **EVELYN LOHMUS, JIMMY O'NEILL** JIM NOLAN MARY & WILLIAM DOWER & their son JOHN, grandsons NIALL & DAVID BERNADETTE KEOHAN MADGE & JOR CORCORAN & sons JOE, JOHN, TOM, daughter MAVIS **EDDIE ROCHE, PAT CORCORAN DOLL & HENRY BALL CHRISTY & ELEANOR DEEGAN** ALGIE CAREW GRIFFIN, son TONY parents THOMAS & ELLEN CAREW **PEG & DENIS HORGAN RITA RELLIS** MARY O'SULLIVAN RICHARD KEANE MARGRET WALSH, JAMES WALSH JOHN MEEHAN ANN TOBIN TONY MACKEY (Birthday Rem) SARAH MURPHY KELLY COLLINS **MICHAEL & SHEILA McCLOSKEY NOEL WYMBERRY & SARAH** WYMBERRY **JOSEPHINE COLLINS MIRIAM & WILLIAM McGRATH** JOE FITZGERALD HELEN KENNEDY nee O'KEEFFE

BUTLERSTOWN

MAURICE BURKE KAY, JACK & DAMIAN RICHARDS DAVEY O'BRIEN & deceased relatives ALICE DOODY KITTY CHEASTY & FAMILY





18th of December 2022 - FOURTH 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.'

A Deeper Openness to the Spirit

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife!" How often in our lives do our logical and practical minds tell us one message, and yet we know deep down, there is something more. Something unexplained, something offering us a deeper truth?

Joseph trusted God and believed in the message of the angel. Even though he was afraid, he was open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in his life, which ultimately led to the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God is with us. Let us pray for a deeper openness to the spirit in our lives this Advent.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel, You came to dwell among us long ago. Freshen our vision so that we can recognise Your dwelling within us and among us, as we move hurriedly in this busy season of the year. May our lives be filled with love for all those who come our way. Amen.

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/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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/



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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/

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.

I wish you all a good Advent journey made up of many small gestures of peace every day: welcoming gestures, gestures of understanding, closeness, forgiveness, and service... Gestures from the heart, like steps towards Bethlehem, towards Jesus, the King

of peace. — Pope Francis

"Let us more and more insist On raising funds of love Of kindness Of understanding Of peace The rest will be given." *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



THE PEACE CHOIR AND FRIENDS FROM UKRAINE MUSICAL DIRECTOR DR PHIL BRENNAN

FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER 8-9PM THE EDMUND RICE CHAPEL, WATERFORD CITY

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

We would appreciate your help with the Christmas delivery in your usual areas. **Butlerstown:** Envelopes are ready for collection in Butlerstown Sacristy after Masses and at 12 noon each weekday morning **St. Paul's:** Envelopes are ready for collection weekday mornings from the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL BOWS AT BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

Many thanks for your help.

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

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT BROWNES ROAD LIBRARY—ALL WELCOME

Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 20th December at 10.30am at Brownes Road Library. 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.

Christmas is tenderness for the past Courage for the present And Hope for the future.



DECEMBER 17th & 18th 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 24TH:

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 26TH MASSES

10.30 A.M. ST. PAUL'S12.00 Noon BUTLERSTOWN.No Mass on Friday in Butlerstown

DECEMBER 27TH to 30TH INCLUSIVE

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

