

PARISH INFORMATION

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ANNIVERSARIES & CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

ST. PAUL'S

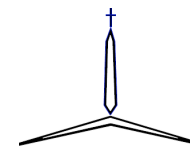
PATRICK O'DANZA
MOLLY & BILLY POWER, son
MICHAEL, granddaughter STACEY
POWER & grandson OWEN O'NEILL
TIM McENERY
THE WHELAN, KELLY & COONEY
FAMILIES,
JOHN & MARY ELLEN POWER
MAUREEN BURKE, PHILIP SINNOTT
THE O'MAHONEY FAMILY
THE MURPHY FAMILY
NOEL BURKE
RICHARD (DICK) BUTLER
& son JOHN BUTLER
BREDA KELLY
ELIZABETH, THOMAS, PATRICK &
EOIN KINSELLA,
ELIZABETH HENNESSY
MARGARET & TOMMY KELLY
MARY & WILLIAM ROWE & deceased
family, EDDIE & ALICE O'LEARY
THOMAS Jnr & THOMAS Snr
McLAWRENCE,
MARY & MARTIN PHELAN,
BOBBY MAI DANIELS, ANN RYAN
BRIDGET McLAWRENCE
BILLY & PEGGY McCARTHY
NETTA O'CONNOR nee KENNEDY
TONY QUANN, JOE FITZGERALD
DAVID & CATHERINE O'LEARY
LALLY, MICHAEL CATHERINE
HALLORAN, BRIDGED MORGAN (BR)
BERNARD & BRIDGET BRANNIGAN
MARGARET & PATTI BRANNIGAN
WILLIAM KELLY, RAYMOND KELLY
DAVID ROCHE, FREDDIE ROBINSON
ANGELA DUNNE, EILEEN RYAN
JOHN DROHAN, THE RYAN, LYNAGH,
HENNESSY, O'DRISCOLL, POWER,
MEADE, FORRY, MURPHY & GALVIN
FAMILIES, NICHOLAS, JOHN &
TREVOR GRIFFIN, CATHERINE
O'KEEFFE, STEPHEN O'KEEFFE,
ROBERT COSTELLO
NOEL MARSHALL, GRACE WHELAN
GERARD ENGLISH
MARGARET & MICHAEL HENNESSY
MARGARET & JACK KEANE,
JOHN AYERS

THE CREED FAMILY, THE CARROLL FAMILY
THE McNEILL FAMILY, JOE & MAY FITZGERALD
ANDY & JOE FITZGERALD CHRISTOPHER deCOURSEY
JOHNNY CONNOLLY, GAVIN CONNOLLY
Deceased Members of the McEVOY, SHANAHAN & CONDON
FAMILIES, LIAM & MARY BYRNE
JOE NIXON & deceased Relatives & Friends
PATRICK & MARGARET POWER
MICHAEL, JAMES & PATRICK POWER
TOM & BRIDGET KENNEDY (Birthday Rem)
JACK BARRY, JOHN & MARY O'RIORDAN
STEPHEN FAHY, LIZ HALL
PATRICK & MARGARET POWER & PATRICK Jnr
PATRICIA HENNESSY, THE BATEMAN FAMILY
THE O'HARA FAMILY, ALISON DOYLE, NICK WHELAN
BILL MUPRHY, PATRICK & KITTY POWER & Sons GEOFF,
DAVID & JOHN, PAULINE McCAL JOE POWER,
THE FLYNN FAMILY, TOMMY McLOUGHLIN

BUTLERSTOWN

JAMES & MARGARET POWER

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



25th of December 2022 - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*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.'*

Christmas Wishes

Fifty years ago, the parishioners of St. Paul's were looking forward to their first Christmas in their new church. Some of you will have clear memories of the time. I believe the congregations were so large in the early years that you needed to be there well before Mass time to get a seat, and the stewards were kept busy finding extra places for later arrivals. Now as St. Paul's Jubilee Year draws to a close, we thank God for all the events and celebrations of the past year, and those who organized and supported them.

Isn't it great that the road from the Church to Paddy Brown's is now to be named 'Fr. Gregory Way', in memory of the man who played such a foundational role in our parish story. He represents the many wonderful women and men with whom he collaborated in laying the first building blocks of this new community.

Now we must look to the future and the challenges of a new era. The greatest challenge will be to sustain a living faith community in St. Paul's and Butlerstown, centred on the Mass which is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' A new generation of young families is re-seeding the old areas and the new developments like Knight's Grange, Foxwood and Carrigea. On them will depend the future of our worshipping community. To all of them I want to say: 'We want you to know that there is a seat reserved for you in St. Paul's and Butlerstown. Your Parish Church will always be your second home, and you will always be welcome.'

To all the people of the parishes of St. Paul's and Butlerstown, and all who pray in our lovely Churches, I want to wish you all the joy and hope of Christmas and a blessed New Year.



*Fr. Pat, Sr. de Lourdes & Members of
St Paul's & Butlerstown Parish Pastoral Councils.*

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**

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<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/>

GOD MADE FLESH

In a country church there was a whitewashed wall - maybe you heard this story, but like the Christmas story it's a good one. As people came in, they bowed to the wall or blessed themselves passing it. People wondered why, as there was no picture on the wall. At a time of repainting the church, the whitewash and a few layers of paint were removed and a fresco of the nativity was found. The ritual had remained when the reason was forgotten.

There are many customs and visuals of Christmas, houses are lit up with stars, reindeer, and baubles - everything to celebrate that the divine mixed with the human in an intense way, the family of heaven and earth joined, when light and hope shone on the world. Some reminders are more direct than others. Others may be a bit like the fresco - still there and yet we wonder why.

Let's stop saying put Christ back into Christmas, say rather find Christ in all of Christmas.

Donal Neary SJ



*May the peace of
Christmas touch your lives.
May Bethlehem's bright
star of Hope
shine out for you.
And may the Christ child
hold you always in His love.*

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

Sincere thanks to you all for all your help with the Christmas delivery and throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2022 FOR THOSE IN NEED

This event 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.*

Christmas can stir the hearts of all to a sense of wonder and to dreams of what can be. Most of all our hearts turn to thoughts of peace, within ourselves, our families, our neighbourhoods.

CAROL PRAYER

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His Heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

--From "O Little Town of Bethlehem,"



PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

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'S
12.00 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.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – FRIDAY 6th of January 2023 MASSES

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

Christmas Long Ago

Frosty days
and ice-still nights,
Fir trees trimmed
with tiny lights,
Sound of sleigh bells
in the snow
that was Christmas long ago.
Children on sleds and shouts of glee,
Icy-window filigree,
Sugarplums and candle glow,
Part of Christmas long ago.
Footsteps stealthy on the stair,
Sweet-voiced carols in the air,
Stocking hanging in a row,
Tell of Christmas long ago.
Starry nights so still and blue,
Good friends calling out to you,
Life, so fast, will always slow... for dreams
of Christmas long ago. Jo Geis

