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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. 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

LARRY FITZPATRICK (MM)
MARGARET & CHRISTOPHER
KINSELLA & sons EDDIE, JIMMY,

SEANIE & TOM

ALICE MELAY

STANLEY CONNELL

MICHAEL WHELAN

JOHN BUTLER

MARGARET DOHERTY

nee BARRETT

STATIA & JIMMY HODGERS

(Birthday Remembrance)

LIAM KELLY

LIMA O'TOOLE

PHIL HARRINGTON

ROSE RAFFERTY who died recently

JOE KEARNEY

TOM WALSH

CHARLIE MEAGHER

TIM (Mac) McENERY (Birthday Rem)

TONY DUFFY (Birthday Rem)

May they Rest in Peace



NEW YEAR PRAYER

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand

me and remain my friends;

A work to do which has

real value.

A mind unafraid to travel,

even though the trail be not

blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humour;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

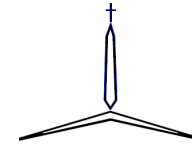
And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



8th of January 2023 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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.'

Welcoming a New Year

A new year stands on my doorstep
Ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor:

The hope of bountiful blessings

The joy of a new beginning

The freshness of unclaimed surprises.

Something in me rebuffs this visitor:

The swiftness of the coming

The boldness of the entrance

The challenge of a year's good-bye.

Something in me fears this visitor:

The unnamed events of future days

The wisdom needed to walk well

The demands of giving away and growing.

A new year stands on my doorstep.

With fragile caution I move

To open the door for its entrance.

My heart leaps with surprise, joy jumps in my eyes,

For there beside this brand new year

Stands God with outstretched hand!

He smiles and gently asks me: Can we walk this year together?

And I, so overwhelmed with goodness can barely whisper my reply:

Welcome in!



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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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

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

Lord, often in life moments of grace come after great trials.

We remember a time when we felt overwhelmed with troubles, and it was as if we were drowning.

Somehow we survived, and as we came up from the water the heavens opened and we felt your love descending on us gently like a dove. We knew that we were your beloved, and that your favour rested on us.



God, thank you for a new year.

May we all be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.



Lord, as we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

YOU ARE BELOVED

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his baptism.

At the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; You are my beloved. God led Jesus to John to hear these words.

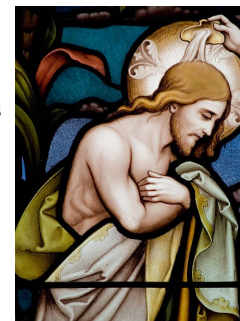
One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know – like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries: love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.

Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that – plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us.

The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God, not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.

So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.

Donal Neary SJ



A NEW YEAR IS UNFOLDING

like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible with Your help and guidance.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is inviting young people aged 18 – 35 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. World Youth Day (WYD) is a phenomenal gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in August 2023.

What is World Youth Day all about? [Watch the promotional video here!](#)

For now, we are taking expression of interest until we have more information on times and prices. Limited spaces are available. If you are interested, please fill out our [expression of interest form](#) and we will be in touch very soon!

If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Nodlaig Lillis, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Officer at youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie