

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### **Daily Morning Prayer**

O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, for the intentions of your Sacred Heart and the intentions of our most holy father, Pope Francis. Amen



### **Daily Evening Prayer**

God, our Father, this day is done.

We ask you and Jesus

Christ, your Son,

that with the Spirit, our welcome guest, you guard our sleep and bless our rest.

Amen.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

MAUREEN McGRATH MM  
ANNIE & GEORGE GALVIN  
ALICE McLAWRENCE & her daughter  
ELLEN TANNER  
PAULINE FANNING  
MARTIN ROCHE  
PAUL JACQUES (who died recently)  
ANTHONY JACOB  
PADDY & KATHLEEN JACOB  
MARGARET CORCORAN  
ANN FARRELL  
MAURA MEHIGAN  
ALICE O'SHEA  
MARY WHELAN

May they Rest in Peace

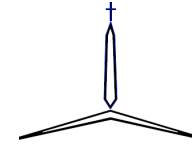


### **Remembrance**

*is what makes a people strong,  
because it feels rooted in a  
journey, rooted in a history,  
rooted in a people.*

*Remembrance helps us  
understand that we are not  
alone, we are a people,  
A people with a history,  
with a past  
with a life  
Remembering so many who  
have shared a journey with us.  
Pope Francis*

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



19th of March, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## **The Eye of Faith**

**(John 9:1-41)**

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

*Donal Neary SJ*



OUR MASSES 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

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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

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

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT IN KILLARNEY: The Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in St. Brendan's College, Killarney from the 24th - 26th March. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) for more info.

TROCAIRE BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL - (JOHN 9:1-41)

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you.

The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?

The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point.

The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity.

There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

John Byrne osa

LEGION OF MARY

The Annual Acies Ceremony (act of consecration to our lady) for Active and Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary will take place on Saturday 25th of March (Feast of the annunciation of the Lord) at 7pm in the Edmund Rice Centre Barrack Street Waterford.

OUR FUNDRAISING GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TABLE QUIZ will take place on Tuesday 28th of March at 8pm in St Paul's Parish Centre. Teams of 4 €20 Prizes for first, second and third. Teas and Coffees will be served. All are welcome.



THE BLESSING OF ST JOSEPH  
FEAST DAY 20 MARCH

*May the poverty of my  
sweet and suffering little  
Child be your riches.  
His sighs and His tears  
the consolation of your days.  
The love of His adorable Heart your  
earthly treasure, your all.  
And the clear vision of His adorable and  
glorified humanity be your eternal joy  
and recompense. Amen.*



PRAYING IN GRATITUDE

Gratitude can be one of the most fruitful forms of prayer. When we specifically notice things to be grateful for, we become aware of and acknowledge God's constant presence in our lives. Practicing gratitude is something which can change your whole attitude and it doesn't have to take a lot of time. Here are some specific steps for praying in gratitude.

1. Find a comfortable and quiet place.
2. Make the Sign of the Cross.
3. Ask God to show you where He was present in your day.
4. Think about some things from the past day which you are grateful for. It is good to have a minimum number of things to come up with each day – 3 or 5 or 10 for example.
5. Try to be specific. Instead of being grateful for your family in general, think of a specific interaction with a family member
6. Spend a little time enjoying the memories of the things you are grateful for.
7. Thank God for each of these and any special circumstances which made them possible.

End with the Sign of the Cross.

EVANGELIUM IRELAND will host its 8<sup>th</sup> Apologetics Conference for young Catholic adults at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 on Saturday, 25 March 9.00am to 6.00pm. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Cost: €38 including lunch & refreshments. For more information about *Evangelium Ireland* and to register go to [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.