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PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE IN DECISION MAKING

Almighty God,
we come to you on this day to give thanks
for Your eternal love
and to ask for your guidance in this decision that
has to be made.

Lord, help us to understand what You want in this
situation and aid us in following Your will.

Help us realize that this decision is in Your hands,
even if we are unsure.

In Your Name we trust.
Amen.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

DESMOND & JEAN PICKARD
MAMIE & GEORGE PICKARD
MATTHEW & ELLEN DUNPHY
BRIDGET & PATRICK DUNPHY
MARY DALY
BIDDY CAULFIELD
PAT DEVEREUX
CHRISTOPHER LONG
JOHNNIE TIERNEY
MARY CROKE
JOHN NOLAN
THOMAS KENNEDY
NORA & BILLY McMANUS
DAVID SCANLON (Birthday Rem)

BUTLERSTOWN

PATRICIA WALL
May they Rest in Peace



Matthew 28:16-20

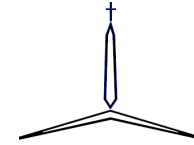
Jesus meets the disciples
for the last time.

His final words give them
direction for their future.

Perhaps you can recall such
parting moments in your own
life – leaving home, school,
college, or the death of a loved
one.

Was there an occasion when the
words spoken to you gave you
direction for the future?

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



21st of May 2023 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

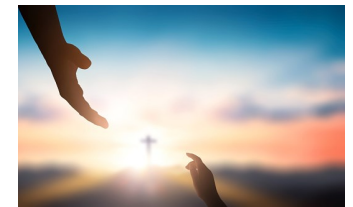
Fully Alive (Matthew 28:16-20)

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The risen Lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His Spirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body – the man of heaven and the God of earth – is now the church, and that's us. We are baptised into the church of Christ.

Today is the feast of the whole church – we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is renewed through living with Jesus – we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us.



Fr Donal Neary, S.J

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/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/>

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/>

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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/>

ROSARY PROCESSION & CROWNING OF OUR LADY

Sunday 28th of May, leaving Ballybricken at 3pm and proceeding to the Dominican Church, Bridge Street for the crowning and a short prayer service with Benediction. All are welcome especially those Children who have received their First Holy Communion.

NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN

We would appreciate your help with the delivery of the June Collection Envelopes (Collection 4th of June) in your usual areas, if you are available and willing to do so.

Butlerstown Envelopes will be available for collection from Butlerstown Sacristy from Sunday 28th of May.

St. Paul's Envelopes can be collected from St. Paul's Parish Office from Thursday 25th of May.

Thank you

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES KILBARRY CEMETERY

will take place on Sunday 4th of June at 4pm. All families are welcome.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

'Be Still in the Presence of the Lord' – a day of retreat for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in Mount Melleray Abbey on Saturday 10th June @ 10.30am. The day will be led by Maureen Kelly, Pastoral Worker in the Diocese of Killaloe. This event is being organised as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of this special ministry, and we also celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi on June 11th. The day will include prayer, input, and quiet time for reflection around Mount Melleray and will end at approx 3.30pm. Please book by calling 051-874199 or email

marydee@waterfordlismore.ie

(Please bring a packed lunch on the day)

"Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

PILGRIMAGE TO LISBON FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY,

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is inviting young people from the diocese aged 18 – 35 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day, 31 July - 8 August 2023. Cost: €895. Join over a million young people from all over the world for an unforgettable experience! More info on

www.waterfordlismore.ie/pilgrimages

Public Meeting



A public meeting will be held at **Greenway Manor Hotel** **Wednesday 24th May at 8.00pm** to discuss a proposed **Community Centre** for the Parish of Butlerstown.

Please share notice and details of this meeting throughout the community. All are welcome.

Create in us silence Lord, so that we may listen to your voice in Creation and in the Scriptures, in events and in people, above all in the poor and suffering.

May your word guide us so that we too, like the disciples, may experience the force of your resurrection and witness to others that you are alive in our midst as a source of fraternity, justice and peace.

We ask this of you, Jesus, son of Mary, who revealed to us the Father and sent us your Spirit. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' THEME FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 21ST MAY 2023

is a call for a peaceful dialogue that allows for uncomfortable truths to be spoken of without resorting to contentious and hostile debate, the Vatican announced. Speaking the truth "means giving 'a reason for your hope' and doing so gently, using the gift of communication as a bridge and not as a wall," the Vatican said on Sept. 29 when it announced the theme of World Communications Day 2023

May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another. Amen.

Pope Francis Message for World Communications Day 2023

