

PARISH INFORMATION

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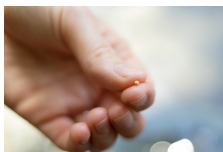
LIVE STREAMING Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-s> and <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown> and www.stpaulschurch.ie. so that the parish can extend its reach to those who cannot visit the church. This may mean that your image will be broadcast on those websites, 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.

A Mustard Seed

It's impossible your head tells you
There's just too much to do.
Everything's a mess—Hope is lost.

But still...
Don't you have at least a little bit of faith?
A tiny seed.

Inside there's a plan, a hope
A dream of great possibilities.
Within a small seed of faith
Resides all the power of God.



Plant the seed.
Water it carefully, lovingly
Then let the Lord take control.

In even just a shred of faith in God,
You will find promises of Christ's victory in your life
Of faith moving mountains.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

KATHLEEN CONDON (MM)
KITTY O'NEILL nee COOPER
IRENE NORRIS
ANN O'REGAN
ELLEN O'SULLIVAN
JOHN SWEENEY
NOEL GRIFFIN
DENIS MULLALLY
EDDIE WALSH
KATHLEEN & PA O'LEARY
JAMES McCARTHY (MM)
MARY RUSSELL
MAY CAULFIELD,
Her husband EDDIE
& her son EDWARD

BUTLERSTOWN

DECLAN KELLY

May they Rest in Peace

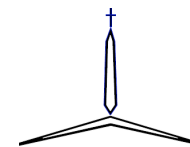


Lord,

Help me to let go
of my fears and doubts,
and to trust in you completely.
Give me the faith to believe
in your promises
and the courage to follow
your will for my life.
I pray that you will fill my heart
with your peace and joy,
and that you will help me to trust
in you no matter what challenges
I may face.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



23rd of July, 2023 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

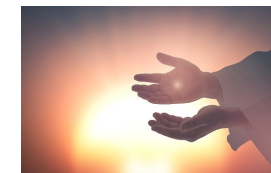
Small Beginnings

(Matthew 13:24-43)

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed and grew with the plan of God. The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be '*an oasis of mercy*' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

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/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/>

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/>

 **DONATE**

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/>

*Almighty and everlasting God,
I seek your wisdom and guidance
as I navigate the challenges
and decisions of life.
Give me the discernment
to make good choices,
and the courage to follow your will for
my life. Help me to trust in your love and
direction, and to seek your wisdom in all
things.*

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES

We welcome the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles from Ardfoyle, Cork to our Parish this weekend. The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles were founded in 1876 as a group of international women religious dedicated to spreading the Good News through service and witness of their lives. Promoting women and the marginalized is a priority in their apostolate.

The OLA Sisters are grateful for all the support over the years in so many ways, and they encourage you to continue in that support.

Give blood, save a life!

1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime...
...and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives.



WATERFORD, THE WOODLANDS HOTEL

Mon 24th – Thurs 27th July 23
15.45pm - 20.00pm

Sun 30th July 23
12.00pm - 15.30pm

Mon 31st July & Tues 1st Aug 23
15.45pm - 20.00pm

Call **1800 222 111** to book an appointment.
Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie

giveblood.ie



MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

this Wednesday 26th of July
at Mount Sion Chapel Barrack Street
Rosary at 7.pm
Mass at 7.30pm
All are welcome



3RD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 23RD OF JULY

POPE BENEDICT 'S PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

WRITTEN IN 2008 FOR THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



TEA PARTY & MUSIC OF THE 50'S & 60'S FR RUFUS HALLEY HALL, BUTLERSTOWN WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

7PM TO 9PM

Frankie McEvoy will present Music of the 50's and 60's with accompanying Videos on Wednesday 2nd of August from 7pm to 9pm. Music by Joe Dolan, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Andre Rieu, Doris Day. Come along for the chat. Tea, Coffee, Cake, Biscuits supplied. Small donation of €2 towards tea/coffee etc if you wish.

TROCAIRE

Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire's ad on tv about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to www.trocaire.org/oneday/

TROCAIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire.

We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity.

We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.

We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen