

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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**ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556)**  
**31 JULY**

We must speak to God  
as a friend speaks to a friend,  
now asking some favour,  
now acknowledging our faults  
and communicating to Him all that concerns us,  
our thoughts,  
our fears,  
our projects,  
our desires,  
and in all things seek His counsel.



## ANNIVERSARIES

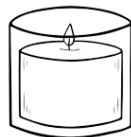
### ST. PAUL'S

JAMES McCARTHY (MM)  
PATRICIA O'BRIEN  
COLM ENNIS  
KITTY O'NEILL & her husband JACK  
MARGO COMMINS  
MAY CAULFIELD,  
her husband EDDIE  
& her son EDWARD  
JOANIE WHITE  
MICHAEL WALSH

### BUTLERSTOWN

ELLA SHANAHAN

May they Rest in Peace



God our Father  
and protector,

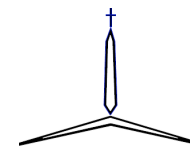
Guide us to everlasting life  
by helping us to use wisely  
the blessings  
You have given us in this  
world.

Amen



*Think of what  
you really value in life.  
Take time.  
Give thanks to God  
for what brings deep joy in life.*

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



30th of July, 2023 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *The Good, the Bad, and the Treasure* *(Matthew 13:44-52)*

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents, godparents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships, success after hard work in school, commitment to the poor - what cannot be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for.

Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old Dublin saying: 'There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us. We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown. The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history. The kingdom of God is close, near and is within 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/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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Butlerstown please click the  
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Listening to the word of God  
enables us to acquire  
true wisdom.  
By it we learn  
where our true good lies  
And that it means more  
than silver and gold.



Life is not about what will happen  
or what did happen.  
It is about what is happening.  
Look at the nature around you today.  
God is in it.  
Creation is God's story.

'There is treasure in the fields,  
there is treasure in the skies,  
there is treasure in their meaning  
from the soul to the eyes.'

So find God in nature,  
it will at least slow you down.  
And who knows it may  
give you space to reflect  
on what will happen  
and what did happen.

Grainne Delaney  
*Occasional Prayers for the School Year*  
(Messenger 2023)



Giving God,  
we thank you for the treasures of  
creation. Help us not to take more  
than we need  
so all your people can live  
free from poverty.  
Amen.

## BAPTISM

Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in  
a path of holiness. Let everything be open  
to God; turn to him in every situation. Do  
not be dismayed, for the power of the  
Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and  
holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the  
Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal5:22-23).

When you feel the temptation to dwell on  
your own weakness, raise your eyes to  
Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a  
poor sinner, but you can work the miracle  
of making me a little bit better".

In the Church, holy yet made up of  
sinners, you will find everything you need  
to grow towards holiness. The Lord has  
bestowed on the Church the gifts of  
scripture, the sacraments, holy places,  
living communities, the witness of the  
saints and a multifaceted beauty that  
proceeds from God's love, "like a bride  
bedecked with jewels" (Is 61:10).

POPE FRANCIS, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE, 15

'Prayer brings you to hope.  
And when things become dark,  
with more prayer  
there will be more  
hope'.

- Pope Francis



A SPECIAL MEETING OF SLIEVEKEALE  
ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

will take place in Manor St. John on the 3rd  
of August at 2.30pm.  
All Members are urgently requested to attend.

TEA PARTY & MUSIC OF THE 50'S & 60'S  
FR RUFUS HALLEY HALL, BUTLERSTOWN  
WEDNESDAY NEXT, 2ND AUGUST  
7PM TO 9PM

Frankie McEvoy will present Music of the  
50's and 60's with accompanying Videos on  
Wednesday next, 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.

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THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL  
14TH AUGUST

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WATERFORD, THE WOODLANDS HOTEL

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July 23

15.45pm – 20.00pm

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July 23

12.00pm – 15.30pm

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July & Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 23

15.45pm – 20.00pm

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