

PARISH INFORMATION

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Dear Lord,

*If I cannot be brilliant,
please let me be kind.
If I cannot
change the world,
at least let me inspire
just one other to do so.
If I cannot
give away riches,
let me be loving.
Let me be known
for kindness,
for it is the greatest glory.
Amen”*



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

DALE BYRNE
JOAN ROACH & her husband GENE
PADDY KINSELLA
& his brother TOMMY
FARRELL SHERIDAN
BERNARD BRANNIGAN (Birthday Rem)
PADDY GRANT
ELIZABETH GRANT (Birthday Rem)
MARY & PAUL'SULLIVAN
DENIS O'DRISCOLL
BRENDAN RUSSELL
CATHERINE & THOMAS HALLIGAN
MAUREEN QUINLAN
ANTHONY FEIGHERY
SEAMUS & KATHLEEN FEIGHERY
JACK FITZGERALD
DAVEY HARNEY
BREDA KENNEDY
EDDIE WALSH
NELLIE WALSH
WILLIE BUTLER

BUTLERSTOWN

NAN KELLY

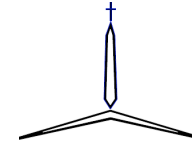
May they
Rest in Peace



THE WORDS OF JESUS

are important
because they are the Word of God,
Jesus Christ, present now
in his new community.
Peter's faith, like ours, is a gift.
His belief in Jesus has been
revealed from above.
Faith in God is the rock
on which the rest of Jesus'
community will stand,
and this rock is what our faith
stands on.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



27th of August, 2023 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nothing but Jesus (Matthew 16:13-20)

We all need some statements like Peter's, that give a rock and a meaning to life. It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. Peter was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

It is not that we have nothing but Jesus - its that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

Fr. 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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

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<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/>

*"Thank you Lord
for this beautiful
new day,
Help me to live today,
hand in hand
with you.*



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If anybody is available and willing to help us with Parish Envelope Deliveries in St Paul's Area, we would appreciate you help.

Please leave your name and contact number in the Sacristy. Thank you.

NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS

Our Autumn Collection will take place on the weekend of the **10th of September**. We would appreciate your help with deliveries in your usual areas Thank you.

BUTLERSTOWN ENVELOPE DELIVERY

Envelopes can be collected from Butlerstown Sacristy on Sunday next, **the 3rd of September**.

ST. PAULS ENVELOPE DELIVERY

Envelopes can be collect from St. Paul's Parish Centre **between 10.30am and 11.00am on Monday 4th of September, Tuesday 5th of September and Wednesday 6th of September**.



Prayer for Faith

Lord,

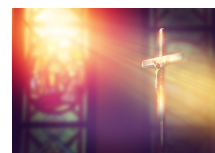
*please help me every morning
to find faith in the middle
of the chaos in the world.*

*Please Lord give me the desire and ability
to see You, hear You, talk to You,
and give thanks to You.*

*As I do this, I pray that I will draw nearer
and nearer to You,
and that my faith will increase infinitely as
I understand in new and deeper ways that
You are everything I ever hoped You
would be.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matthew 16:13-20)



The people who knew Jesus, including some of his disciples, believed him to be a great prophet, such as John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. But, when asked by Jesus to offer an opinion about his identity, Peter said: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Mt 16:16).

Jesus made clear that this was a particular grace from God which allowed Peter, from among all the apostles and disciples, to discern the true identity of Jesus. In this way, Peter announced his belief that Jesus was the promised Messiah who had come to deliver God's people from the bondage of sin. Jesus was much more than a prophet, and Peter was divinely inspired to acknowledge this truth.

The public manifestation of Peter's faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Anointed One, was immediately rewarded by Christ who wanted Peter to know two facts.

Firstly, he had been especially blessed by God in being given this knowledge.

Secondly, Peter was given a singularly important role in the infant Church: 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven' (Mt 16:18-19).

John Litterton

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Studies show that natural colours like greens, blues and browns allow us to be more restful and less stressed. The older parts of our brain are more at home in a natural environment. The green of fields, meadows and forest canopies also remind the brain of an abundant food supply. Where there is green there is food, security and order. Albert Einstein put it thus, *'The most important decision we make is whether we believe in a friendly or hostile universe.'* When we walk through the forest the lush green shadows on the forest floor are supermarket shelves to more archaic systems that reassure and sooth.

Tom Gunning

Nature's Way – A Guide to Green Therapy (Beehive Books)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL (Matthew 16:13-20)

This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?

Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

John Byrne OSA