

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

**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/butlerstown> and [www.stpaulschurch.ie](http://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.

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS · MEMORIAL 15 SEPTEMBER

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you.

We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.

We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

BETTY KENNEDY  
FR. COLM O'BRIEN  
& HIS MOTHER JOSIE O'BRIEN  
JIM TRACEY  
THOMAS & CATHERINE O'CONNOR  
& THEIR SON TOM  
PADDY BUTLER  
NAN O'MEARA  
MICHELLE POWER  
TOMMY DROHAN (BIRTHDAY REM)  
JOHN KINSELLA

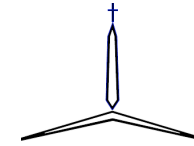
### BUTLERSTOWN

TOM RYAN  
MICHAEL RYAN  
CORA WALSH

May they Rest in Peace



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



17th of SEPTEMBER, 2023 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Forgiveness* (Matthew 18:21-35)

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult. You have been defrauded of your life's savings - can you forgive? You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive? The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

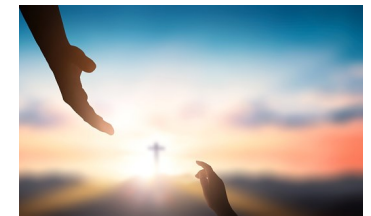
Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We pray, '*Lord, make my heart like yours*'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us.

Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Fr. Donal Neary SJ



## SUNDAY FUNDAYS

SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2pm to 5pm

AT THE BIG GREEN, LARCHVILLE

Hosted by Waterford Area Partnership under the auspices of Larchville & Lisduggan Residents' Association  
Face painting, Balloon Modelling, Fun & Games, Refreshments, Goodie Bags, Music: High Hopes Choir.

## LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER

Bus will leave the Hypercentre at 7am.

Cost: €20 for Bus only. Meals not included.

Limited number of seats.

More details 087 6164820

## YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>. 11-4.30

IMPERIAL HOTEL, CORK

€15 including Refreshments

To book tickets scan QR code on poster or search Evangelium Ireland on Eventbrite.

Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong..  
It makes you bitter.

Forgiving doesn't make you weak  
**It sets you free.**

 DONATE

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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35)

Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

Pope Francis chose as his motto 'miserando atque eligendo' (*seen with compassion and chosen*) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him, nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?

Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

John Byrne OSA



Today's Gospel deals with the crucial issue of forgiveness, surely the most pressing of all our human problems, as individuals, as communities and as a human family.

The future of humanity is in the hands of those who can forgive.

## ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA, SCOTLAND. 12 – 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

For quite a while we have been trying to organise a pilgrimage to the Island of Iona and at long last we have found an agent who offers the following itinerary:

4 nights hotel accommodation, Admission to Titanic Belfast, Inverary Castle, Iona Abbey, Loch Ness Cruise, Glencoe Visitor Centre and including an overnight in Glasgow

Cost will depend on number travelling and we need to know by mid October as hotels are pre-booked well in advance. As soon as we know the number travelling we will advise those interested of the cost. Payments can be made in instalments over the year.

Please contact Colette (087 9816992) or Stella (051 392078) for further information

## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AFFAIRS & SOCIAL PROTECTION

**Vacancy—Maintenance Assistant**

**St Paul's Parish, Lisduggan**

**Community Employment Programme**

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

### Duties

- Grass Cutting,
- Painting & Decorating,
- Interior and exterior cleaning,
- Waste Disposal,
- Building maintenance.

Contract Type: Temporary  
Employer Name: Compact Community CLG  
Hours: 19.5 hours per week  
Wages: Community Employment Rates  
Vacancy Reference: CES-2288183

Contact Georgina Kiely Power on: 051/875847  
email: [Georgina.kielypower@compactcommunity.ie](mailto:Georgina.kielypower@compactcommunity.ie)



**The Little Sisters of the Poor  
St. Joseph's Home  
Ferrybank, Waterford**

Need more **Volunteers** to help in our work of Caring for the Elderly

- Helping Residents with Activities
- Entertainment
- Light gardening and keeping pathways clear
- Meal service
- Reception duties
- Taking Residents out in the garden for half an hour
- Sharing any knowledge you may have on trees, shrubs, flowers, birds etc.
- You may have other skills – helping residents source interesting topics on the Internet.

If you can spare an hour of your time, please contact



Sr. Roseline

051 833 006 or email [ms.waterford@lspireland.com](mailto:ms.waterford@lspireland.com)

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.

The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things' (#233)

***Laudato Si'***

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.”

~ Francis of Assisi