

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. 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

BREDA POWER (MM)
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LIZ CARROLL
PEGGY DALTON
BREDA SADLER
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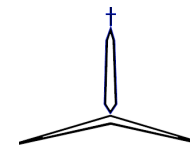
BUTLERSTOWN

KITTY POWER (GAULSTOWN)
RICHARD & TONY CAREY



May they Rest in Peace

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



1st of October, 2023 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Word (*Matthew 21:28-32*)

Our word matters greatly in our relationships, whether in our family or at work or among our friends or with God. When we do not have our word, then we have nothing because we cannot be trusted with even the smallest responsibility. We become unreliable, like the second son in the gospel parable about the father asking his two sons to work in his vineyard. The father depended on him. But he assumed that he could easily fool his father. His word was meaningless and he lacked sincerity.

Dependability is a desirable character trait for all genuine Christians. God depends on each one of us to help him achieve his plan for the salvation of all people, just as the father in the gospel parable depended on his two sons.

The parable teaches us that it was the first son, who initially said 'No' but then thought better of it, who actually did what the father requested. That son had undergone conversion. He had the honesty and the humility to realise his mistake and to change his decision. He became reliable.

Perhaps too often we are like the second son who initially said 'Yes' to his father's request, and then quickly ignored the request. We easily say 'Yes' to God without meaning what we say. Then our word becomes meaningless. The parable of the father and the two sons challenges us to do God's will in action and not only to concur with it verbally. This requires that, like the first son, we are continually open to the possibility of conversion in our lives and that we are honest and humble enough to change our decisions when we recognise that they are wrong decisions, especially in matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others.

Are we people of our word? How do we speak to our loved ones, to our friends, to our colleagues at work, to God? In what ways does our sincerity manifest itself? It would be good to be people of our word. Let us decide to be honest and humble enough to undergo conversion every day and to change our wrong decisions.



John Litterton

WORDS OF ST THÉRÈSE DE LISIEUX • 1 OCTOBER

'When one loves, one does not calculate.'

'God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.'

'A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.'

'When something painful or disagreeable happens to me, instead of a melancholy look, I answer by a smile. At first I did not always succeed, but now it has become a habit which I am glad to have acquired.'

'If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient, but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future.'

Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

AUTUMN

We are filled with gratitude and wonder,
as we behold the radiant splendour of
golden, red and yellow leaves
breaking free to make their silent decent
into the womb of the earth
nurturing a new cycle of life.

Autumn, season of surrender
You call us to yield, to let go, to turn loose
all that holds us bound - fear, anxiety,
resentment, apathy, indifference,
old patterns of thinking,
allowing freedom and peace
to flow into our hearts and minds.

Autumn, season of much bounty,
you invite us to treasure the gifts
of each new day
and to give and to share generously
the goodness of our own lives with others.

Autumn, season of stillness
and inner reflection
You encourage us to slow down
and gather all the aspects of our lives
that have blessed us with love, hope, peace,
strength and courage and to remember
people and places that have sheltered and
protected us.

Autumn, season of flexibility
You inspire us to treasure the little things of
life, taking nothing for
granted,
a radiant smile, a wave
of recognition
A beautiful sunrise, a
moment of fun and laughter.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>



Presentation Secondary School Waterford
6th class girls and their parents are invited to pay a
VIRTUAL VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL
from 29th September
Via: www.presentationsecondarywaterford.ie
Join us for an
ON-SITE TOUR OF THE SCHOOL
on our Open Evening, Tuesday, 3rd October
from 4.30pm-6.30pm
Bookings/Enquiries to 051 376584
or office@preswaterford.ie
Application forms will be available from
4th October, to be returned by 25th October 2023

BINGO FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL TY SHOW

Presentation Secondary TY students will hold a Bingo fundraising night in The Forum on Tuesday 7th November 2023 to raise vital funds for our TY Show 'High School Musical' which will be staged in March 2024. All support for our Bingo fundraiser will be greatly appreciated. Tickets €10 are available from the school office 051 376584.



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/>

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING

will take place on Tuesday next 3rd of October in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass. You are very welcome to join us.

BINGO- SCOIL MHUIRE BUTLERSTOWN NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION are holding a Bingo night in The Forum, Waterford on Tuesday 3rd October.

Doors open at 7pm, Eyes Down at 8pm, finishes at 9.45pm. Tickets €10, cash prizes on the night. Contact Butlerstown School 384304 or Joan 087 2446338.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2023 IS LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND FROM 2PM ON SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER.

Speakers include Fr. Sean Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddie Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen at (01)4373277

ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA, SCOTLAND. 12 – 16TH 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. A soon as we know the number travelling we will advise those interested of the cost. Payments can be made in instalments over the year.

THOUGHTS OF ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO) - MEMORIAL 23RD SEPT

Pray, hope and don't worry.
Worry is useless.

Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.

Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God.

If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves, but our souls, and with that, God Himself.

Continue to be patient – it will all be for your good.

Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.

Recall a time you felt resentful about doing what you ought to do.

How did you feel after doing it?

Lord, may everything I do begin with you and be happily ended in love.

Amen.

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 -1pm
Butlerstown Church daily 12 to 4.00pm