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*Jesus was always on the move, too,
Stirring up dust on the roads, swaying to the swells of the sea.
I like to picture how far the wind has blown since then,
Across these thousands of years and millions of miles,
Carrying the dirt he tread upon all around the globe,
Whisking the waves he sailed in to every corner of the world.
Migrants and refugees who seek new work, new homes
Carry with them, perhaps, a grain of sand that Jesus touched,
A drop of water that held him aloft.
But they carry much more than that—
One cannot gaze upon them without seeing
Millions of perfect permutations of the image of God.
By land or by sea, every journey is a sacred one.
Holy the hush of feet across the desert,
Blessed the boats that traverse the oceans.
Jesus, they say, had no home, no place to rest his head.
May these precious ones find rest, find welcome, Find mercy on our shores.*

Cameron Bellm

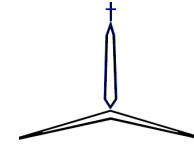
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ST. PAUL'S

CATHERINE (DOLLY) CLEERE
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FRANK IRWIN
ANDREW & MARY ELLEN KEOGH
WILLIAM SHEEHAN
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Her husband JOHN
& sons TOMMY & PADDY
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BUTLERSTOWN
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



24th of SEPTEMBER, 2023 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let God be God. (Matthew 20:1-16)

Sometimes we question God's dealings with other people because they seem to receive better treatment from him than we think they deserve. They do not measure up to our often impossible standards. We think they are unworthy of any favour or special status. So why would God treat them differently?

Ironically, as much as we want God to be involved in our lives and as much as we wish to be part of the kingdom of heaven, we don't always want to let God be God. Instead, we want God to be God as we would choose, relating to people on our terms.

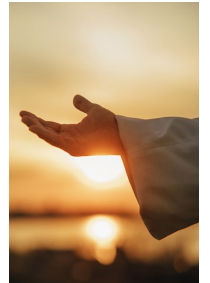
Fortunately, however, God's ways are very different from our ways. God has no favourites. As far as God is concerned, everyone has a unique dignity and equal worth.

It can be very difficult to appreciate that with God all people are special. His generosity is marvellous and His mercy is limitless. That is how God chooses to be and we are challenged to respect God's will. After all, He is our Creator and we are His people. He has rights too and these rights demand that we let God be God.

The lesson of the parable of the landowner hiring workers for his vineyard is that it challenges us to be grateful to God for what he gives us, and exhorts us to avoid feeling cheated and complaining about the seeming better fortunes of others. Also, if we believe that we are made in the likeness of God, we need to imitate his generosity and compassion in our behaviour towards others. Rather than applying human standards to God, we need to apply God's standards to ourselves.

God's love and mercy are available to all,. When He is generous and merciful to other people, he is not being unfair to us. He is simply being God. Our understanding of God, then, needs to change and we need to let God be God.

John Litteton



**WORLD DAY
OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES 24 SEPTEMBER
PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Lord, make us
bearers of hope,
so that where there is
darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.



Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion,
fraternity may flourish,
and where there is greed,
a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters.

*May the Lord
BLESS
and keep you, and make
His face to shine upon you
and give you peace*

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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

**MEDUJORGE MASS
WEDNESDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER**

Mount Sion Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7pm Rosary, Holy Mass at 7.30pm.
Celebrant : Fr. Raphel. Medujorge Choir.
All are welcome.

**VOCATIONS AFTERNOON
POOR CLARE MONASTERY
COLLEGE ROAD CORK**

Saturday 30th September 2-4pm.
For young women considering a vocation.
Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com
www.poorclarescork.ie

**YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC
APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH. 11-4.30
IMPERIAL HOTEL, CORK**

€15 including Refreshments
To book tickets scan QR code on poster or
search Evangelium Ireland on Eventbrite.

**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.

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

PRAYER

God, Father
Almighty,
grant us the
grace to work
tirelessly for
justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate
or to stay.



Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our
path, and spread in our hearts
and in every situation the culture of
encounter and of care.

*'It is too late now' are words
sometimes uttered to justify doing
nothing about a situation.
The parable tells us that where love
is involved, it is never too late.
Can you remember times when you
got a positive response after taking
action when you thought it was
'too late'?*

The synodal path that we have
undertaken as a Church leads us to see in
those who are most vulnerable – among
whom are many migrants and refugees –
special companions on our way, to be
loved and cared for as brothers and sisters.
Only by walking together will we be able
to go far and reach the common goal of
our journey.

Pope Francis