

## 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 FOR PEACE POPE ST JOHN XXIII

• 11 OCTOBER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,  
who so often said, 'Peace to you,'  
grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of  
truth, justice, and brotherly love.

Banish from their hearts  
whatever  
might endanger peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they  
may guarantee  
and defend the great gift of  
peace.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed-for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all. Amen.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

TERRY GREANEY  
BETTY O'CARROLL  
JOHN TOMS  
PEGGY FORAN  
ANN (VERA) BUTLER (BR)  
JOHN & MARY COSTELL  
MICHAEL FINBAR TIERNEY  
BERNADETTE OBA (BR)  
TOM & JULIA BURKE  
LAURENCE COSGRAVE  
CARMEL DEEGAN  
ALICE SASSANI  
MARY DALY

### BUTLERSTOWN

EILEEN DOODY  
GUSSIE WALSH  
& THE WALSH FAMILY  
ALAN MORGAN (BR)

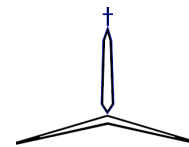


May they Rest in Peace



Lord Jesus,  
our God of all comfort  
who comforts me  
in all my trouble,  
bless me today  
with the peace  
of Your presence.  
Amen.

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



15th of October, 2023 - TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment.' What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?



John Byrne OSA

## HOLY SOULS NOVENA PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN

The Holy Souls Novena will take place in St. Paul's Church beginning on the 2nd of November and will continue for nine days until the 10th of November.

Mass each weekday morning at 10am. Weekend Schedule as Normal Envelopes for your remembrance intentions will be distributed to homes and will also be available in the Church.

### BEREAVEMENT MASS

Our special Mass for all who have been bereaved recently or in the past will take place in St. Paul's Church on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm and in Butlerstown Church on Thursday 23rd of November at 7pm.

### BUTLERSTOWN HOLY SOULS MASS

will be celebrated in Butlerstown Church on Sunday the 19th of November at 3pm in remembrance of all who are interred in Butlerstown Cemetery.

 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/>

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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## BINGO FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL TY SHOW

Presentation Secondary TY students will hold a Bingo fundraising night in The Forum on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



### PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND BELLS TO BE RUNG ON 11 NOVEMBER

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.00 am, coinciding with the anniversary of the end of the First World War, Cathedrals and parish churches are invited to ring church bells as a call for peace and an end to war.

### ST PAUL'S PARISH FUNDRAISING QUIZ

will take place on Tuesday 14th of November in St Paul's Parish Centre at 8pm.


Teams of 4: €20

All are welcome. Teas & Coffees Served.

### ST PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP


Will hold weekly prayer meetings on Thursdays from 2.30 to 4pm in the Prayer Room, St Paul's Church. All are welcome.

Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality



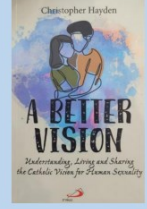
## Café Theology

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Granville Hotel, Waterford at 7.00pm



Father Chris Hayden  
Speaker

This is a great opportunity to learn about better catholic vision for human sexuality that Father Chris Hayden promotes in his newest book. Given that sexuality is an important aspect of human life, it's valuable to have discussions and resources that help us understand and navigate this aspect of our lives in accordance with our faith.



Father Chris Hayden is a parish priest in the diocese of Ferns in Ireland and a published author of several books. He holds a PhD in New Testament studies and is particularly interested in biblical spirituality, theology, and the relationship between faith and culture. He currently serves as Spiritual Director at St Patrick's College Seminary in Maynooth.

**CHECK IT OUT** For updates on events/series in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore ...Go to the web address below for the current issue of Check it out!

<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/>

### MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday 22nd October is Mission Sunday. The Mission Sunday collection will be take up as a Second Collection at all Masses. Thank you for you ongoing support.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of family.  
We are grateful for the love and support we find in one another.  
May we never take our family for granted and always cherish the moments we have together." 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

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**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

### PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

May 11th Presentation Primary School at 11.30 a.m.

May 18th St. Paul's Primary School at 11.30 a.m.

May 25th Butlerstown Primary School at 11.00 a.m.

### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

We pray to You O Lord, through the intercession of Your Most Pure Mother Mary,

Give to the people suffering war and conflict the gift of peace, for you have given us all else:

A peace that all of us share in the passion and wisdom that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Sabbath, and the peace that knows no evening. Stir up in the hearts and the minds of our leaders and politicians a longing for peace, that brings real joy and our hearts will be restless no more. Amen