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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.

TIME TO REMEMBER

Liam Lawton

There's a time for remembering, a time to recall
the trials and the triumphs, the fears and the falls.

There's a time to be grateful for moments so blest;

The jewels of our memory where love is our guest.

There is treasure in our fields, there is treasure in our skies.

There is treasure in our dreaming from the soul to the eye.

For wherever we gather in the light of God's grace,

And for all who we remember, there will ever be a place.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

THOMAS (TOMMY) DeCOURSEY (MM)

SONNY RUSSELL (MM)

GAVIN O'CALLAGHAN

His brothers MICHAEL & BRENDAN

& his father WILLIE

MARIA KEATING

HELEN McGARRY

& her father PAUDIE CASEY

ANN DUNNE

MICHAEL LYNAGH

THOMAS RYAN

JAMES GALVIN

PHILIP HEERY & KATHLEEN HEERY

DANNY & PETER MALONE

MICHAEL & ANASTASIA CUDDIHY

CIARAN RUSSELL

DANIEL COWMAN

DANNY MARKS & his parents

MARY & WILLIE MARKS

MARY FINN

& her father EDWARD LACEY

MAURA WALKER (Birthday Rem)

PATRICK (RICKY) CONNOLLY (MM)

GAVIN CONNOLLY

BILLY MADDEN & his parents BILL &

MARGARET & sister THERESA

PAKIE LUCAS

May they Rest in Peace

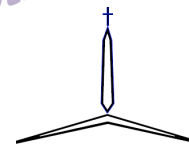


Faith, Hope and Love

*Faith lit a candle
in the night and
set it for my soul to see;
Hope whispered
courage to my heart
and shod my feet
and girded me;
But it was Love
that showed the way,
that held my hand
and walked with me.*

Ní imithe uainn atá said, ach imithe romhainn. They are not gone from us, but gone before us.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



29th of October, 2023 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION—MATTHEW 22:34-40

It is always difficult when people ask us to put a list of items in order of preference. For example, deciding whether we like chocolate more than mints, or apples more than oranges, could take hours. Often in arguments, our opponents might pose a range of options which is almost impossible to answer, such as: Which is greater, your love for your spouse or your love for your children?

This is what the Pharisees thought they were doing when they asked Jesus: **'Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'** (Mt 22:36). We learn that asking this question, the Pharisees were trying to disconcert Jesus. They were hoping that Jesus would make a mistake and say something that was incompatible with and offensive to the Jewish religion. Then they could use that against him.

They were jealous of his popularity and they knew that they were dealing with a formidable teacher who could quote and explain the scriptures expertly. Surely now, they thought, Jesus would fall into the error of belittling at least some of God's commandments by exalting one over another.

Jesus' reply was simple and direct. First, he emphasised the first and greatest commandment to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind. Nobody could argue against that. The Pharisees must then have been waiting, hoping that a mistake was imminent.

Jesus added that the second commandment is like the first: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself' (Mt 22:39). Instead of leaving it at that and, perhaps, allowing the criticism that the other commandments (forbidding theft, murder and adultery) are not so important, Jesus added: **'On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets too'** (Mt 22:40).

The Pharisees must have been dejected. Not only did Jesus refute in advance any claim that he had diminished the importance of any of the commandments, but he included all the sayings of the prophets in his reply. The greatest of the commandments, to love God and neighbour, is the basis for every other law and every exhortation of the prophets who, over many centuries, had spoken about fidelity to God's will.

The challenge for us is to reflect carefully on Jesus' defence of the truth. He didn't shy away from questions from the Pharisees, although he knew that they were trying to trap him. Let us resolve to answer honestly and thoughtfully the questions about our faith that are asked by family, friends and colleagues.

John Littleton,



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.

Envelopes for your Intentions for the Holy Souls are available in Butlerstown Church.

 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/>

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BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
MONDAY 30TH OF OCTOBER
MASS IN ST. PAUL'S AT 10.30AM.

WEDNESDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Mass in Butlerstown 10.00am

Mass in St. Paul's 11.30am
7.30pm

SHARING OUR GIFTS

MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS
FOR PARISHES OF
ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN




We love to have the involvement of as many as possible in the life of our parishes. The gifts and talents of all are welcomed and appreciated. At this time we are renewing our invitation to all who would like to participate in any of the tasks and services that help to create a vibrant parish community.

Please have a look at the list on the Sharing Our Gifts leaflet which is available in the Churches this weekend, and indicate any area in which you would like to help.

Please return the list together with your contact details to:

The Sacristy in either Church or to the Parish Office

If you would like any further information on any item please contact the Parish Office at 051 357730.




Proclaiming God's Word
A Time to Reflect
St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn
Saturday 25th November
10am to 1pm

Facilitator: Mother Marie Fahy, Abbess, Glencairn Abbey

A morning of reflection for Ministers of the Word as we prepare for Advent and Christmas

Bookings - please call 051-874199 or email; marydee@waterfordlismore.ie

(Spaces are very limited)



NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS THAT MAY BE USED AT ANY POINT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

To read the Holy Souls Novena Prayer Sheet click on the link below.

<https://waterfordlismore.ie/novena-for-the-holy-souls/>

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.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.

We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us

in our moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief.

Lord, continue to be a light for us,

giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and

hope to others. 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

WE REMEMBER THEM

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of the autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us, And we remember them.

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Next Meeting on Thursday 2nd of November at 2.30pm in Manor St. John when we will be discussing our proposed trip. .

