

PARISH INFORMATION

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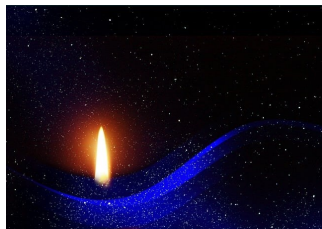
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*O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
Help us to be bearers of Good News
and hope to all.*

*As we light the third Advent candle,
may our lives shine out into the world
with love-filled deeds.*

Amen.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

DENIS HAYES (1ST Anniv)

PADDY DOYLE

EDWARD O'LEARY

JOSEPHINE RUSSELL (1ST Anniv)

BETTY ELIZABETH WALSH

GERRY & CLIVE NOBLET

EILY & JIMMY QUINN & deceased
members of the Quinn & Jacob Families

MARY & TOMMY DURNEY

STATIA & JIMMY HODGERS

EILEEN MEAGHER

TONY DUFFY

RICHARD BROWN

SIMON IRELAND

MARY KIELY

JOHN BATES (MM)

MAURICE & MARGARET

CORCORAN

MARY CORCORAN

MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE O'BRIEN

EVELYN & MICHAEL LOHMUS

JIMMY O'NEILL

DAVID CULLEN

MARY & WILLIAM DOWER & their
son JOHN & his son NEIL

DONAL & BRIDIE COONEY

BERNADETTE KEOHAN

PEG & DENIS HORGAN

BILLY, PEGGY, MARGARET

& CATHY McCARTHY

MADGE & JOE CORCORAN & the
CORCORAN FAMILY

MAVIS & EDDIE ROCHE

ELENOR & CHRISTOPHER DEEGAN

LARRY O'NEILL

DOLL & HENRY BALL

ALICE, PHYLLIS & DAVEY HARNEY
KATHLEEN & TOM DWYER & their

son MICHAEL

JIM NOLAN

CHARLES McCANN

BRIDGET HAYES

PATRICK HAYES

SARAH MURPHY

EDWARD O'BRIEN

& the O'BRIEN FAMILY

ELIZABETH HALL

MICHAEL & SHEILA McCLOSKEY

JOHN & RITA RELLIS

JACK & MAGGIE CULLINANE

KELLY COLLINS

JOSIE COLLINS

JOE FITZGERALD

RITA KELLY

BUTLERSTOWN

ALICE DOODY

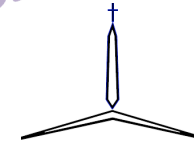
MARGARET O'BRIEN (Sporthouse)

DAVEY O'BRIEN

KAY, JACK & DAMIAN RICHARDS

May they Rest in Peace

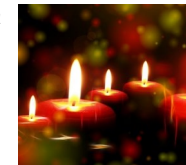
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17th of December 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

*There is no prayer in which
Jesus does not inspire us to do something.
Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action.
The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections.
We might ask not what we might get for Christmas,
but how our Christmas might help others.
We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others
because of us
– happy in body, with enough food for every family,
happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming
into the world,
and happy in forgiveness,
as that is one of God's biggest gifts.
Pope Francis*

*Today is known as
Gaudete Sunday or 'Rejoice
Sunday'. In our churches,
the rose coloured candle is
lit on the
Advent wreath
to symbolise
joy.*



*Love, joy and hope shine through us
every time we do a simple act of kindness,
meet a person with reverence,
give our love and our time freely and unconditionally
and show understanding, acceptance and compassion.*

Today is the day of John the Baptist.
He was the last of the prophets whose mission was to bear witness to the Lord when he came among his people.

He prepared the way for the Anointed One and pointed him out.

Today John is the model for every one of us: we are called to be prophets in our world; we are called to bear witness to the Christ; in the wilderness of human greed, injustice, and falsehood we are called to make straight the way of the Lord.

*Christmas is very near now,
and we are busy and preoccupied
with our preparations.*

*A good time, perhaps,
to pause in silence,
to rest with God,
and to listen
to what
he might have
to say to us.*



**OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE
STREAMED AND BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.**

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s>

LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/butlerstown>

RADIO: Morning Mass from St. Paul's
Church on the Radio at **107.9FM**

OUR 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 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023



DECEMBER 16th & 17th RECONCILIATION WEEKEND:

Opportunity for Individual Confession &
Absolution immediately after
6.00P.M., 8.30A.M., 10.00A.M. (Butlerstown)
& 11.30A.M. Masses.

DECEMBER 23RD - CONFESSIONS

11.00A.M. to 1.00P.M. in St. Paul's

DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS CAROLS

6.30P.M. In Butlerstown
7.30P.M. In St. Paul's

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

7.00P.M. In Butlerstown
8.00P.M. In St. Paul's

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8.30A.M. In St. Paul's
10.00A.M. In Butlerstown
11.30A.M. In St. Paul's

DECEMBER 26TH

10.30 A.M. Mass in St. Paul's
12.00 Noon Mass in Butlerstown

DECEMBER 27TH to 29TH INCLUSIVE

Mass in St. Paul's at 10.30A.M. each morning
except Thursday.

Normal Schedule for Saturday.

No Mass on Friday in Butlerstown

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SATURDAY 6th of January 2024

Mass Times
10.00A.M. Butlerstown
11.30A.M. St. Paul's
6.00P.M. St. Paul's

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ST. PAUL'S GOSPEL CHOIR

The Gospel Choir will sing Christmas Carols
after the 11.30 am Mass this Sunday 17th of
December in St. Paul's Parish Centre.
All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

We would be grateful for your help with the
Christmas Delivery in your usual areas if you
are available and willing to do so. Thank you.

Butlerstown Deliveries can be collected from
Butlerstown Church from Sunday 10th
December.

St. Paul's Deliveries can be collected from
St Paul's Parish Office from Thursday 14th of
December.

Thank you all for your continued help and
support.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

God of all loving,
bless all our encounters this Christmas.
Help us to be both kind and joyful,
so that all whom we meet
will be the better for it.
Inspire us to know when a word of witness
will lift the celebration
and enable family and friends to get
to the heart of it all.



DONATIONS If you wish to make a
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The Christmas story is very simple:
it tells of the birth of a child to poor
parents with an uncertain future.

So what is it about the story that holds
such appeal? Why does it have such a place
in our hearts? Maybe it has to do with the
way it taps into our deepest longings, those
things we desire that can help us cope with
just about anything: love and trust, that we
all have a value and a unique dignity that
empowers us to move beyond ourselves
and to take the risk of reaching out to
others, always trusting that God is present
in the simple things.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The annual Christmas Day dinner for those
in need, under the auspices of the Knights
of St. Columbanus, will take place as usual
at 12.30pm on Christmas Day in St.
Joseph's School, Parnell Street, Waterford.
Anyone, and particularly those who are far
from home, who would not otherwise
enjoy a Christmas dinner on that day, will
be very welcome—just turn up at 12.30pm.
The dinner is completely free to the men
and women attending.

CARING FOR CREATION - THANK YOU

Thank you to Patrick Davey who brought
the Film "The Letter" to St Paul's Parish
Centre last week and to Fr Pat for hosting
the event. Thank you to all who helped -
the hospitality team, the caretakers
Michael and John, the parishioners who
donated cakes etc, John Hearne our
photographer and all who attended the
event. Pope Francis's plea for each person
to save our planet and universe from the
ravages of climate change was well
received and we are all more aware of the
need to respond in a positive way.
Faith Reps. Tim, Emma & Nuala