

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

JOE & ANDREW NIXON & decd family & friends  
BRIDGET MORGAN (nee) O'BRIEN (Birthday Rem)  
NICHOLAS, JOHN & TREVOR GRIFFIN  
WILLIAM & RAYMOND KELLY & DAVID ROCHE  
CATHERINE & STEPHEN O'KEEFE, ROBERT COSTELLO  
BETTY & MOSSIE O'KEEFE, THE RYAN, LYNAGH,  
HENNESSY, GALVIN, POWER, MURPHY, MEADE,  
O'DRISCOLL & FORRY FAMILIES  
NOEL MARSHALL, GRACE & MARGARET WHELAN,  
GERARD ENGLISH, RICHARD BUTLER, JOHN BUTLER  
BERNIE HAYES, MAY & LIAM BYRNE  
ELIZABETH (LIZ) HALL, PATRICK & MARGARET POWER  
& PATRICK JNR & MICHAEL JAMES  
TOM & BRIDGET KENNEDY (BR), STEPHEN FAHEY  
JACK BARRY, ANGELA O'SULLIVAN (MM)  
JOE POWER

### BUTLERSTOWN

LAURA & HUGH BREHINY

May they Rest in Peace

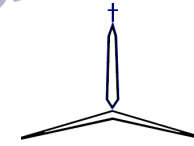


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### ST. PAUL'S

DENNIS COLLINS (MM)  
& his wife BIDDY  
BETTY WALSH (MM)  
EDDIE (EDWARD) WALSH  
JOE GREENE  
PATRICK & MARGARET DOYLE  
& their son PADDY & his wife NANCY  
JOHN SMYTH  
ANN WHELAN (BR)  
DAVID & CATHERINE O'LEARY  
JOHN PAUL McDONAGH  
ANGELA & THOMAS CROKE  
their sons BILLY & DANNY, daughter  
BETTY & daughter in law BRENDA  
ANNIE & PATRICK HALLIGAN, their  
sons, daughters & grandson  
CHRISTOPHER  
BRIDGET BRANNIGAN  
BERNARD BRANNIGAN  
MARGARET & PATTI BRANNIGAN  
DANNY, THERESA & JOE  
LANGFORD  
THOMAS & HELEN KENNEDY  
THE McNEILL FAMILY  
THE FITZGERALD FAMILY  
LIAM & ALICE GALLAGHER, son  
MICHAEL, daughter MARY &  
GALLAGHER FAMILY  
FREDDIE ROBINSON (BR)  
Decd Members of the ROBINSON &  
DROHAN FAMILIES  
MOLLY & BILLY POWER & son  
MICHAEL, granddaughter STACY &  
grandson OWEN  
THE WHELAN, KELLY & COONEY  
FAMILIES, ELIZABETH HALL  
ALICE & EDWARD O'LEARY  
MIRIAM McGRATH  
TIM (Mac) McENERY, NOEL BURKE  
MICHAEL & ELLEN WALSH &  
FAMILY, PATRICK & MARGARET  
SHERIDAN & FAMILY, JOHN &  
NELLIE WALL & FAMILY, EDWARD  
& CATHERINE WYSE & FAMILY  
RITA & TOMMY KELLY, MARY &  
WILLIAM ROWE & FAMILY  
THE POWER FAMILY,  
PHILIP & MICHAEL SINNOTT  
ELIZABETH & JOHN KINSELLA &  
sons TOMMY & PADDY  
THE O'MAHONY & MURPHY  
FAMILIES, ELIZABETH, THOMAS,  
PATRICK, OWEN & BERNARD  
KINSELLA, DANNY MARKS & HIS  
PARENTS WILLIE & MARY & brother  
GEORGIE, PADDY & MARY  
O'DONOGHUE, daughters LUCY &  
THERESA & grandson GERRY  
HENNESSY, TONY QUANN,  
JOAN (JOANIE) WARREN nee  
FREEMAN, MATTHEW WARREN,  
JOE FITZGERALD  
MARGARET & JOSEPH DOHERTY

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



24th of December 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Dear Parishioners & Friends,*

*As we come to Christmas 2023, whatever our age or stage in life, we can feel again the wonder of this Season. We can reach out to the God who reaches out to us most wonderfully in the birth of his beloved Son. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the perfect copy of God's nature. He is God's invitation to us to possess abundant life, as He calls: 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.'*

*Over these months we have carried a burden of sorrow and heartbreak for the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in Gaza and Israel and Ukraine, and in too many other ways and places. Our Saviour invites us to continue to believe in love in the face of every obstacle. May this Christmas renew our faith, hope and love, and our commitment to building a better world.*

*A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all, and renewed thanks for your faithful and generous support for your parishes. A special prayer and greeting to those who will be spending their first Christmas without a dear departed loved one.*

*Fr Pat Fitzgerald  
Sr. De Lourdes Breen  
Our Parish Pastoral Councils.*



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

### Christmas!

The very word brings joy to our hearts.  
No matter how we may dread the rush,  
the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards  
to be bought and given-  
when Christmas Day comes there is still the  
same warm feeling we had as children,  
the same warmth that enfolds our hearts  
and our homes."  
Happy Christmas

 **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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#### PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

#### NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN BOTH CHURCHES

#### DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>: 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 26<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> to 29<sup>TH</sup> INCLUSIVE

Mass in St. Paul's **at 10.30A.M on Friday only**  
Normal Schedule for Saturday.

#### No Mass on Friday in Butlerstown

#### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2024

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

#### CHRISTMAS DELIVERY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who distributed our  
Christmas Envelopes, your help is very much  
appreciated.



#### WE REMEMBER AND WE CELEBRATE.

The shopping is done,  
all the presents are  
bought and wrapped,  
the house is clean and  
the tree with all its  
decoration is shining  
brightly. So what has all this hectic busyness  
been about?



When we have a birthday in our own family,  
what do we do? We gather around the person  
whose birthday it is and as a family, then we do  
two things.

We **remember** and we **celebrate**.

We remember the date the person was born.  
We look back and remember the day they came  
into our family. Then we celebrate with them.  
We give thanks and celebrate the difference  
they have made and continue to make to our  
family.

This is exactly what we do on Christmas Day;  
we **remember** and we **celebrate**.

We recall and tell the story of how and when  
Jesus was born. We tell the story of Mary and  
Joseph being turned away from the inn, we  
remember that the angels appeared with good  
news and we remember how shepherds and the  
kings visited the stable.

Then we celebrate the difference Jesus has  
made not only to the world, but to our personal  
lives.

This Christmas, while all the celebrations and  
festivities are taking place, let's stop,  
take some time and ask ourselves,  
What am I *remembering*?  
What am I *celebrating*?

May the Light of Christ bless our world and fill  
all our homes and families, this Christmas Day  
and always. Amen.

Michael Moore OMI

#### PATIENT PEOPLE

Advent is like a waiting room  
for those who take time  
to make an appointment with  
the Spirit of Christmas,  
the real one, that is, not the fake  
that's everywhere available,  
twenty-four seven  
and in jingling tills rejoices;  
the one you plug in and it squawks  
'Merry Christmas'  
in battery-operated voices;  
the one whose lights get brighter and  
brasher with every year that goes by,  
as they try to outdo each other :  
they'll never outshine that star in the sky.

Those who have made an appointment  
with the true spirit of Christmas know  
that waiting rooms are unpopular places  
in today's world of get-up-and-go.  
What can you do in a waiting room but  
wait and wait.... Till the time is right  
and the door to Christmas swings open  
and patient people gain insight  
to the Christian meaning of Christmas  
which sings out in true festive voice,  
'*Come! Your waiting is over!*  
*Emmanuel! God with us!*  
*Rejoice!*'

#### 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.