

PARISH INFORMATION

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Lord,
Grant me a heart filled
with gratitude and grace,
that I may find contentment in Your love.
Strengthen me to face life's challenges
with unwavering faith,
knowing You are my rock and fortress.



ANNIVERSARIES

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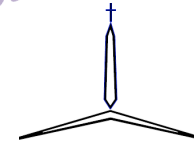
MAUREEN & KATHLEEN GALVIN
ENA & TOMMY ARMSTRONG
MARY RYAN
& her father JAMES HAYES
SARAH NOLAN
JIMMY GAUL, his father MICHAEL
& his mother ANNIE
MADELINE BUTLER
LOUISE & FRANKIE STARMAR
The STARMAR & DANIELS Families
TREVOR RYAN
ANTHONY FINN
BERNARD BRANNIGAN
STATIA POWER
JAMES HENNESSY
BILLY GALVIN
SARAH & THOMAS O'HALLORAN
ALICE DALTON & her sons &
daughter
MICHAEL LACEY (MM)
PATRICIA (PATTY) DINEEN
DANIEL COWMAN
TONY MACKEY, his parents,
Sisters & brother
JOAN & JOHN COULDING
& deceased children
PATRICIA HEALEY
PADRAIC McKEOWN (BR)
TOM FURLONG
THE O'BRIEN FAMILY
EILY DROHAN her son JOHN
& daughter ESSIE HEARNE
JIMMY FANNING
BRIDGET & JAMES LYNCH
DONAL O'SHEA
DENISE LUCAS
JOHN COAD
PATRICK SINNOTT
PHILIP SINNOTT
STEPHAN COLLINS
RICHIE COLLINS (BR)
SARAH COLLINS
MARY COLLINS (BR)

May they Rest in Peace



*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



28th of January 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
will take place at St. Paul's Church,
From Saturday next 3rd of February to Sunday 11th of February

NOVENA TIMES

6.00pm - Saturday 3rd

8.30am & 11.30am - Sunday 4th

10.30am - Monday 5th (Bank Holiday)

10.00am - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

6.00pm - Saturday, 8.30am & 11.30am Sunday

We pray that this will be a time of blessing
and grace for all of us.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

The Blessing of throats will take place at Mass on
the Feast of St. Blaise, Saturday, 3rd February.



On the final day of the Novena, 11th February,

The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick,
The Anointing of the Sick will take place for those who request it.

Envelopes for your Intentions are available at the back of both Churches

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look
with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged
sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have
obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal
intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your
favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your
glory. Amen.

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

Please Note our Live Streaming MCN web addresses have been updated. Live streaming link from our own website remains the same.

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

ST. BRIGID'S DAY

On Thursday, February 1st, we will celebrate St. Brigid's Day. Click on or go to web address below to learn how to make a St Brigid's Cross.

<https://www.icatholic.ie/how-to-make-st-brigid-cross/>

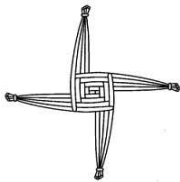
Saint Brigid. You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



Join us at the Cathedral for Songs of Praise this Sunday 28th January at 5pm for a 'big sing' of well-loved hymns. All are welcome to this festival of sacred hymns, with choirs from across the region, and accompaniment from City of Waterford Brass. The event is free, with a collection to support the important work of the Samaritans in Waterford, and the Cathedral's own music education programme.

DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Wednesday 5th of June to Monday 10th of June, flying from Cork. Booking is open and all bookings can be made through JWT by ringing 01- 2410800. Further details are on the poster in the Church Porch.

MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

Wednesday 31st of January at Mount Sion Chapel, Rosary at 7pm, Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Celebrated by Fr. John . Music Ministry Medugorje Choir. All are welcome

CANDLEMAS DAY 2ND OF FEBRUARY

On February 2, candles are blessed, and the faithful are invited to bring their own candles so that they can be blessed and used in the home for prayer throughout the year.

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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

FAITH

An image for faith which I find helpful is that of a clear but moonless night. If, on a night like that, you are away from any city or town lights, the countryside will be pitch dark because there is no moon, and yet you will see the night sky very clearly. The sky won't shed enough light for you to walk by, and yet, with the smallest amount of knowledge, you can find your way by the night sky. Polaris, the North Star, is always to your north, and you can find it with the help of other stars, once you know what constellation to look for.



That night sky does not light up the way, but it can help us find the way, to navigate. Likewise with faith: we needn't pretend that our faith in Christ lights everything up for us. It does not: people of faith still have to navigate.

As Christ's followers, we take our bearings from him. We still have to take care, to be thoughtful, to make sure we're looking to the light of Christ rather than to some other light. Yet we find that navigating by Christ makes all the difference.

May the Lord help us to be cheerful lamplighters and thoughtful navigators.

Fr Chris Hayden



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He 'walked it as he talked it'

Mark 1:21-28

People of Jesus' time were looking for prophets and healers, and leaders. They came to many people from this conviction. They arrived to Jesus and found a motley group of ne'er do wells, sick people, people who seemed evil, and many more. Many were attracted to him. We might wonder why?

His care and compassion seemed strong. He spoke with authority in his voice, like a good leader. He 'walked it as he talked it'. His words made sense because they made a difference in people's lives.

Demons were expelled and lepers were cured; the poor were looked after. This is what made the difference.

We know at times we hear people speaking well about something and we know it doesn't come from the heart. With Jesus the care of the heart and the words of the mouth were one. As time went on they would realise he came from God, as he forgave sins and people knew they were forgiven, as we sometimes find in confession when some words of forgiveness ring true.

We are not easy with the language of demons and devils; we are not easy either with thinking too much of evil. Evil is present in many ways in social cruelty, abusive behaviour and greed. Jesus came to us because we need the help to overcome evil and the Christian belief is that evil will eventually be overcome in the victory of the Cross. *Fr. Donal Neary*