

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)

**Facebook:** St Pauls Church Lisduggan.

Butlerstown Parish Facebook

## LIVE STREAMING

**Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on**

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s>

**and** <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/butlerstown>

**and [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.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.**

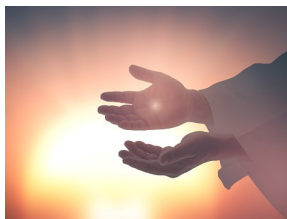
**If you have concerns , please contact us.**

The Emmaus story is a reminder that unfortunately, the story of Easter may remain just a retelling of some event from the distant past if we do not allow Jesus to show us how his resurrection is a source of life for us today.

Its power is to be experienced in the ordinary events of life as we struggle to be faithful. However,

it is often only with hindsight that we can see the ways the Lord has accompanied us on the road.

Sean Goan



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

BETTY KENNEDY (MM)

MICHAEL FORAN & his son

CHRISTY FORAN

PADDY & EDDIE McDONNELL

& their sister KATHLEEN HAUCK

NELLIE TWOMEY (Birthday Rem)

ALICE KELLY (MM)

JACKIE BARRY

HUGH & MAY O'HARA

MARY BEAZER

PATRICK & MARGARET SHERIDAN

& FAMILY

NELLIE O'BRIEN

ANDREW & MARGARET KIRRANE &

Deceased FAMILY & FRIENDS

MICHAEL & ELLEN WALSH

& FAMILY

EDWARD & CATHERINE WYSE

& FAMILY

### BUTLERSTOWN

TOM DANIELS & PADDY DANIELS

MARY CUNNINGHAM

JOHN & BRIDGET KELLY

May they Rest in Peace



**Lord** Help me to live this day

Quietly, easily,

To lean on thy great strength

Trustfully, restfully,

To await the unfolding

of Thy will

Patiently, joyously,

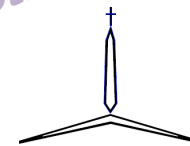
To face tomorrow

Confidently, courageously.

*St Francis of Assisi*



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



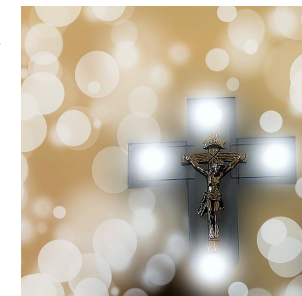
14th of April, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS

*(Luke 24:35-48)*

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.



Jane Mellett

**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/buttlerstown>

**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

 **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/>

**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/>

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,930**  
**THANK YOU.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

### THOUGHTS FROM THE GOSPEL

When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

### RISEN JESUS,

We thank you for your greeting, 'Peace be with you.'  
The shalom of God, deep lasting peace; peace that brings inner calm.  
That keeps a person steady in the storm;  
That faces the persecutor without fear and proclaims the Good News with courage and with joy.

This is the peace that reconciles sister to brother, rich and poor, young and old.  
But not a peace that is quiet in the face of oppression and injustice.  
This is peace with God,  
the peace that passes understanding.

*John Johansen-Berg*  
*Bread of Tomorrow:*  
*Praying with the World's Poor (SPCK)*

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

focussing on concerns Christian parents have on the new SPHE curriculum - St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford X91HW9D (entrance at Johns Hill) on Tuesday April 16th at 8pm. All welcome Organised by Family & Life.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION - APRIL 21ST

A special collection will be held next weekend, on Good Shepherd Sunday, to help to support our three students who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. Bishop Cullinan has written a letter to all the faithful of the Diocese seeking support for the education of our future priests. A copy of this letter is on our Notice Board in the Porch. Please remember to pray for our seminarians and to pray for vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood"

### AFTERNOON REFLECTION WITH THE LEGION OF MARY

**SUNDAY 21ST OF APRIL 2PM to 5PM**  
**SACRED HEART CHURCH ,THE FOLLY**  
Subscription €10. Refreshments provided. Registration 1.45pm. All are welcome. More details 086 3100581 or contact any member of the Legion of Mary. Join us for Rosary, Adoration, Reflections/talk, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Quiet Time.

### ST. PAUL'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ

will take place on Tuesday 23rd of April at 8pm in St Paul's Parish Centre.  
Table of 4 : €20 Prizes for first, second and third.  
Teas and coffees will be served. All are welcome.

**QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE BUTLERSTOWN GAA JUVENILE TEAMS** on Friday 19th of April 8.30pm, The Holy Cross Bar & Restaurant.  
Teams of 4 €10 per person. To pre-book TXT 353879488705

When we are all despairing;  
when the world is full of grief;  
When we see no way ahead,  
and hope has gone away.  
Roll back the stone.



Although we fear change;  
although we are not ready;  
Although we'd rather weep and run away.  
Roll back the stone.

### DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE KNOCK SHRINE PILGRIMAGE (BY BUS)

Under the patronage of Dr. Alphonsus Cullinan D.D. Bishop of Waterford & Lismore, on Sunday 5th May 2024 - Tickets €35. Leaving Tramore (Church Carpark) @ 6.30 am. Leaving Waterford (Miller's Marsh Carpark) at 7.00 am. Leaving Knock at 5.30 pm There will be a break at Tipperary on each journey  
Contact: John Waters: 087- 2138831  
Michael Drohan: 089-4204804  
Anne O'Connor: 051-381351

### SOUTH EAST REGIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK,& ST. PAUL'S PARISH - SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE - Wednesday 8th of May at 7pm in St Paul's Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners, families & friends,  
You are invited to join us to celebrate the lives of those loved and lost, as a result of substance use and/or related causes. Many of those lost were young people who lived and grew up in this parish and wider area. We invite you to join families, friends and neighbours as we show empathy and compassion as we celebrate the lives that have been lost.