

PARISH INFORMATION

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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/buttlerstown> and 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.

Prayer

Be still and know that I am God.

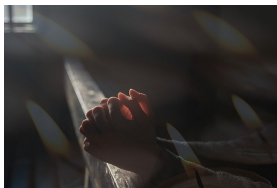
Give yourself the gift of time and space

where you can listen to God.

Gaze at the face of Jesus

as he looks at us with compassion.

Allow yourself to be loved by God.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

STEPHEN COLLINS (MM)
JORDAN LONERGAN (Anniv & BR)
KITTY O'NEILL nee COOPER
NELLIE O'SULLIVAN
WILLIAM KELLY & his son RAYMOND
JOHN SWEENEY
EDDIE O'CONNOR
JIM KENNEDY
NOEL GRIFFIN
KELLY COLLINS (BR)
BRENDAN ANTHONYTIERNEY
PATRICK McDONNELL

May they Rest in Peace



Prayer for the Bereaved

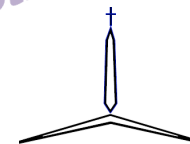
Lord God,

*you are attentive to the voice
of our pleading.*

*Let us find in your Son
comfort in our sadness,
certainty in our doubt,
and courage to live
through this hour.*

*Make our faith strong
through Christ our Lord.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



21st of July 2024 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*St Paul's Parish is in St. Otteran's Pastoral Area with the parishes of
Ballybricken, Holy Family, St. Saviour's, Butlerstown, Dunhill & Fenor, Tramore & Carbally.'*

TAKE A BREAK

Mark 6:30-34

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common – she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.



Triona Doherty

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

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

Mass will take place at 10am each Friday Morning in St. Paul's 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/>

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/>

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

MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS WEDNESDAY 24TH OF JULY

At Mount Sion Chapel, Barrack Street
Rosary 7pm, Holy Mass 7.30pm.
Celebrant: Fr. Bobby Power
All are welcome

CEMETERY MASSES

Butlerstown Cemetery Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st of August at 7.30pm.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BELVEDERE

will take place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the Summer at 6.30pm. Prayers will be offered for world peace and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,890

THANK YOU

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT THE DIOCESE

A very special event will take place in the Diocese on 17th & 18th September. The relics of St. Bernadette will visit the Diocese and a programme of events will be held in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity over the two days. More details will follow soon.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

November 21st to 26th, 2024
Led by Fr. Liam Power
€995 per person sharing.
See poster on our Notice Board for booking information & further details.

BE WITH ME TODAY O LORD

May all I do today begin with you, O Lord.
Plant dreams and hopes within my soul,
revive my tired spirit: be with me today.

May all I do today continue with your help,
O Lord.

Be at my side and walk with me:
Be my support today.

May all I do today reach far and wide, O Lord.
My thoughts, my work, my life:
make them blessings for your kingdom;
let them go beyond today.

from Be With Me Today O Lord
Author: J. H. Newman



Today's gospel story is for people busy with caring for others. Jesus' desire for peace and quiet was disturbed by the crowds who needed him. This is an image of many parents and people in helping professions. We need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of the heart; but at times the needs of others will take over. Prayer can unite both – the prayer of our action and the prayer of love. The place of our mind can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is of the essence of prayer.

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When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

Jesus cares about me and invites me too to come away and rest a while. I will be helped if I can go to a 'deserted place' occasionally to allow my soul to catch up. Otherwise, as T. S. Eliot says, *I have the experience of God's action in my life, but miss its meaning because I don't give time to reflection. I may be too busy or poor 'to get away from it all'.*

But each day Sacred Space can provide me with an oasis of calm and refreshment. It can restore my frayed nerves and re-orient me to what really matters. I will never regret time I give to a daily encounter with God.

Lord, great people are like Jesus they know that it is necessary at times to go away to a lonely place and rest for a while; but they know too that there are times when we have to forego our moment of rest because there are people out there who are like sheep without a shepherd, and we must come to their aid. Help us to be more like the shepherd.



THE LIGHT THE FIRE PILGRIMAGE AT BALLINTUBBER ABBEY, CO MAYO

will take place on Sunday, 4 August, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy, along with Deacon John Taaffe will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service. Eurovision's Dana Rosemary Scanlon will also sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith.