

## 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/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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

RITA MURPHY (MM)  
HELEN CAHILL (MM)  
GERRY O'MAHONY  
EDDIE WALSH  
PATRICIA O'BRIEN  
COLM ENNIS  
KELLY COLLINS (BIRTHDAY REM)  
MARGARET BUTLER  
KOSTKA NOLAN  
MARY RUSSELL  
DENIS MULLALLY  
MICHAEL WALSH  
JOANIE WHITE

### BUTLERSTOWN

ELLA SHANAHAN

May they Rest in Peace



## Take, give thanks, distribute.

The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have.

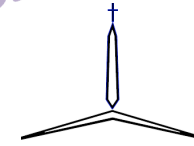
Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?



## Prayer for a Generous Heart

Father in Heaven, you have blessed us with many gifts. You chose us before the world began, to be your adopted sons and daughters, And to live through love in your presence. Give us wisdom and insight to know your purpose; Give us courage to follow where your Spirit leads us, Give us generosity to serve you in our brothers and sisters. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



28th of July 2024 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

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.'

## Open Air Meal

Ordinary bread is a reminder of the Eucharist. Jesus feeds in the ordinary among the people. The fragments left over have been our bread ever since. From this gospel mystery we know we are always worthwhile in God's eyes. Everyone is fed. We approach the bread of life not because we are saints, but because we need it.

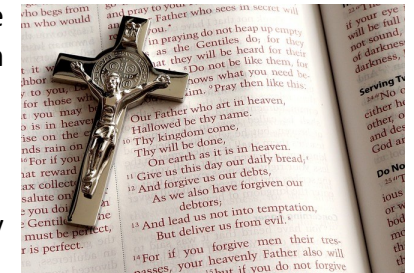
We know also that our offering is worth it: 5 loaves and 2 fish of the poorest type. The leftovers on the shelf, the sardines only the poor ate: the boy had no idea of where his offering would lead. We never know where love will bear fruit.

God is with us in the ordinary – the God of the table not just the temple. Where we are in life, he finds us, and feeds us most when we are most empty.

He will feed us always – more than enough love in the heart of God for all. The meal of today has lasted, and the Eucharist is the central prayer and activity of the church. We minister the bread of life now to each other.

At Mass we meet the Lord Jesus, in his death and resurrection – each Mass is our entering into this mystery of prayer and love for the world. This is the active love of God, seen also in our service of his people.

*Donal Neary SJ*



**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/>

**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.

**CEMETERY MASSES**

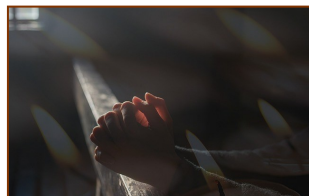
**Butlerstown Cemetery Mass** will take place on Wednesday 21st of August at 7.30pm.

**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.

**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.



**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,850**

**BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH**  
**21st July: €620.36**

**THANK YOU**

**28 JULY 2024 · WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part.

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.  
*(Author unknown)*

**REFLECTION (John 6:1-15)**

It is not given to us to perform miracles like Elisha and Jesus but perhaps that is as it should be. In a world where there is so much need, we have a great deal to give. It may not seem like much to us, but when it is shared it becomes more than we can ever imagine.

The miracles worked by Jesus and Elisha needed someone to come along and offer what they had. God still needs us to do the same and still guarantees that if we do, things will happen!

That we are reading from John over the next few weeks is an invitation to realise that while all the gospels proclaim Jesus, they do so differently. This means that we need to read them differently, so that we can get the most from what the evangelist is trying to say. Very early on in the tradition of the church, John's was called the 'spiritual gospel' because from the beginning it was recognised that he was challenging us to think very deeply about the mystery of the **Word** made flesh.

**What can we elderly persons give to the young?** "We can remind today's young people, who have their own blend of heroic ambitions and insecurities, that a life without love is an arid life".

**What can we tell them?** "We can tell fearful young people that anxiety about the future can be overcome".

**What can we teach them?** "We can teach those young people, sometimes so focused on themselves, that there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and that love is not only shown in words, but also in actions".

If we journey together, young and old, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts, inspire minds with the light of the Gospel, and lend new strength to our hands.

*Pope Francis*



The young boy had enough food only for himself; the food was the food of the very poor - the barley loaf. Given with love, it seemed to multiply. Whatever the meaning of this miracle, one of its lessons is that God can make much of what we offer. Our attempts to live in his love and follow him are nothing without him. The small offering of the young man fed the people; we never know where our efforts to love, to help, to support others may bear fruit.