

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. 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 FOR MY FRIENDS

Jesus, I thank you for my friends.
I ask your blessing on my friends today.
Show them your great love for them,
and if any are struggling or lonely,
hurting or broken in any way,
care for their needs
and comfort them as only you can.
Give me the graces I need to be a good friend
– open and trusting, caring and giving.
Help me to see my friends with your eyes,
so I can see when they are hurting on the inside
even though they don't show it on the outside.
And most of all, give me your heart and your love
for my friends so that I could love them as you do.
Fr Stan Fortuna, CFR



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

NIGEL FORDE (MM)
MALCOLM HOME
CATHERINE SULLIVAN (B Rem)
DARREN DUNPHY
JACK QUILTY
ANNIE RYAN & DYLAN THOMAS
YVONNE O'MAHONY
LICIA CLOON EY
PADDY HOULIHAN
ANGY O'SULLIVAN
JOHN FARRELL
SR. HELEN POWER
& her parents BILLY & PEGGY
MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN
ANN KIRBY
JIMMY FANNING
ANN & WILLIAM CONDON &
FAMILY
PEGGY DEVEREUX & her husband
JOHN & Family
DAVID WALSH
PATRICK QUINN
MAY & JOHN JOE REVILLE

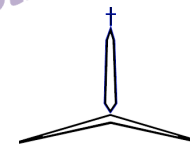
BUTLERSTOWN

MICHAEL CORBETT
& ANN CORBETT
JOSEPHINE MULLEN (nee
BARRON)
May they Rest in Peace

*O Jesus, we believe in you,
we hope in you,
and we love you.
Strengthen our faith,
renew our hope and love,
and grant our prayers.
Touch with your healing love,
O Lord, all who feel the hurt of
life's wounds.*

*O Jesus, we ask you now to heal
and bless us,
and fill us with your peace.
Amen.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



11th of August, 2024 - NINETEENTH 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.'

WE SOMETIMES FEEL ALONE

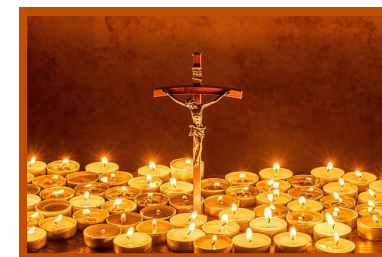
1 Kings 19:4-8

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elijah who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid capture and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey.

Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever.

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
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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.

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HOLY DAY MASS TIMES
THURSDAY 15TH OF AUGUST
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH: 10.00AM
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: 11.30AM & 7.30PM

CEMETERY MASSES

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

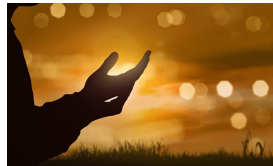
ROSARY AT THE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BELVEDERE

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 : €2,138

BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH €579.98
THANK YOU



The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer?

How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

QUOTATION:
Be a lamp or a lifeboat or a ladder!

DON'T QUIT

Life can get on top of us sometimes. At one time or another, many of us will experience the feelings described in the anonymous poem Don't Quit:

*'When things go wrong
as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When funds are low
and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must,
but don't you quit.'*

We can't always reach our destination under our own steam. It is at these times of struggle that we need to pause, to take refuge and to stock up with food for the journey.

Jesus tells us he is the living bread. 'Anyone who eats this bread will live forever'. In all our struggles, when we feel like giving up, he is there to give us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us to avail of in the Eucharist.

Triona Doherty

SPACE

Summer is a time for space; a time for time. Daniel O'Leary writes 'We forget to appreciate the value of space and of spaces. Without the blank margins on the page before you just now, you could not read it. If ever we are to hear a story or a song, there has to be spaces between the letters of a word, silence between the notes of a melody ... it makes me ask how I'm doing today, why I'm rushing so much, why I don't stop and breathe more slowly and just look around me?' Indeed, it is only in still waters that we can truly see ourselves.

Salvador Ryan
St Patrick's College, Maynooth



FOOD FOR NOW AND ETERNITY

Elijah needed both food for the body and soul, for forty days which in the Hebrew Testament is a symbolic number for a journey of the soul.

Food for the soul can become prayer, a good chat at a bad moment, the Mass. Culture, art, music, prayer to feed the soul. The bread of life of Jesus is both **Holy Communion** and other nourishment for the soul.

Teilhard de Chardin writes: '*we are spiritual beings on a human journey*'. This means that at our deepest we are spiritual. Our essence is *from God and for God*, and the journey is human. Both are one.

In all of this is the presence of Jesus. The one who is our bread of life, and through us he feeds others in many ways. In receiving the bread of life we commit ourselves to being '*Eucharist People*' offering the love and compassion of **God** to the world.

Donal Neary SJ