

PARISH INFORMATION

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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. 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

TERESA COSTINE nee POWER (MM)
TOM CONNOLLY (MM)
PATRICK SULLIVAN (BR)
HANNAH DeCOURSEY
BERNIE McGRATH
ANNIE O'BRIEN nee HALLIGAN (MM)

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VINCENT POWELL
ANN KNOX
BERNIE PURCELL
THERESA O'KEEFFE
MARY O'CONNELL
CARMEL McDONALD
JAMES WHELAN

BUTLERSTOWN

ANASTASIA BURKE

May they Rest in Peace

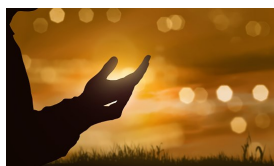


THE CROSS ON THE LOAF

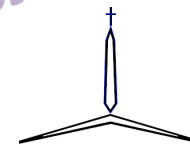
A memory;
she would work hastily, faithfully
and with purpose
kneaded and needed
bread - the constant provider
not shop bought, from tradition taught
baked a-new, from her to you
take and receive, always believe
broken for you, given for you
shared, cared - nothing spared
blessed before the baking
ready for the breaking,
the taking
nourishment for living - giving
Blessed by the CROSS.



*“God of hope,
fill me with all joy
and peace in believing,
so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit
I may abound in hope.
Amen*



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



18th of August, 2024 - TWENTIETH 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.'

The Best and the Worst

John 6:51-58

We can recall the homely smell of freshly baked bread, a good beginning to the day. But bread has to be baked with huge heat for the flour. The wheat is crushed. A way of saying that in life there is the joy and the pain; and things can go wrong.

Life's joys and sorrows are a mixture, and much of the best has some of the worst. The bitterest pain can be when the loved one dies, but you would never cancel out the love for the pain. Death is like that – the worst of life leads to the best of eternity. We often find something great in the worst of times. We get a good result in exams and you forget the pain of getting them.

The best and the worst in Jesus' life are in the bread and wine of the Mass. The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. Love given and received, but also torture and death at the hands of cruel people.

At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both.

Come and eat – come and offer. The best and the worst. The host we will be host we receive, and is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation.



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/>

CEMETERY MASSES

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

HEALING SERVICE

AT THE CATHEDRAL, BARRONSTRAND STREET, WATERFORD

with Bishop Cullinan at 3 pm on Saturday 24th August . All are welcome

AUTUMN COLLECTION (September 8th)

If anybody is available and willing to help us with envelope deliveries in the areas below please contact the Parish Office next week - 357730 Thank you.

Woodlawn Grove
118 to 160 Larchville
Oak Terrace, Lisduggan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH : €1,988

BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH €507.92
THANK YOU

ST PAUL'S PARISH REPOSITORY ,

St. Paul's Parish Centre -

GIFTS, CARDS,
MASS CARDS,
BAPTISM
CANDLES .

Cards & Gifts for
Baptism, Weddings, Holy Communion etc
Open after all Masses until 11am weekdays & after weekend Masses.
(except the 8.30am Mass)

TEA AND COFFEE AND A CHAT

in St. Paul's Parish Centre at 10.30am each Wednesday morning after Mass. **All are very welcome to come along.**



EUCHARIST

There was once a king who engaged a street artist to make a painting of the Last Supper. He wanted a picture of Jesus and his friends at their farewell meal for his banqueting room. The artist had Jesus and his friends around the supper table, but he also included all kinds of people around the table, showing people from many races. There were sick, lame and crippled; men and women; young and old; beggars and misfits and some not very nice people. When the King saw the painting he went into a rage, 'Of what is this a painting?' The artist said 'Your Highness, this is a painting of God who delights in all people; all saints and all sorts are welcomed to the Kingdom and the earthly banquet...and that is my understanding of the Last Supper, Holy Communion and Eucharist.'



What we receive in the small piece of bread or the sip of wine at the Eucharist is the gift of life from Jesus. It is the gift of God who has become one of us. It is the gift of love with sacrifice. If we have put self out for others in big or small ways, or have cried for another's woes or laughed for another's joy, or held a hand in sympathy or just listened when there were no answers, we know the quality of this gift. In the Eucharist God is close in his creation, In Jesus we can recognise God near at hand. Pope Benedict writes - 'we have to rediscover God, not just any God, but the God that has a human face, because when we see Jesus Christ we see God'.

REFLECTION

Even though the first reading today may be two and an half thousand years old, the call to seek wisdom and reject foolishness has a very contemporary ring to it. Human nature does not change but we are slow to learn from experience. Today, life itself on this wonderful planet is threatened by our folly and a refusal to recognise that our actions have consequences. Instead of feasting ourselves at the sustainable banquet at Wisdom's house, we prefer to go blindly on gorging ourselves and ignoring the fact that God has called us to a responsible stewardship of his creation. Our celebration of the Eucharist should be a weekly reminder to us that we are all called to a life-giving relationship with God, with one another and with the planet we share.

Sean Goan

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK BEREAVEMENT GROUP 2024

This group provides a safe space for family members who have experienced the death of a loved one because of problem substance use or related issues. A place to share their experience of loss and grief amongst peers, and to help them find support for themselves and their family. It can help to feel you are not alone. The group is facilitated by two trained psychotherapists and will include respite and other opportunities that may be relevant. This is a free service
Commencing: Tuesday 27th of August 10.30am - 12.00pm and will continue for 8 weeks at The Millennium Building, Church Rd, Lisduggan, Contact Details: Riona 086 6045805 Catherine @ 083 0162069 Email: info@serfsn.org.