

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Secretary Maura Cooney 357730  
Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.15 am to 12.45 pm. and Tuesday 2 to 3pm  
**E-mail:** stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com  
**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.

*Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Saviour in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands.*

*To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life.*

*It means we are free to love God and others, despite the challenges we face.*

*It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.*



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

TOMMY KINSELLA  
PADDY KINSELLA  
ALICE ANN JEAN O'LEARY  
BERNADETTE & LARRY FITZPATRICK  
BRENDAN RUSSELL  
BREDA FINN  
GEORGE FINN  
MARY & PAUL SULLIVAN  
DALE BYRNE  
PATSY & AMBER BYRNE  
PADDY LUCAS  
CATHERINE HALLIGAN  
& her husband THOMAS  
JOHN CROWLEY  
CHRISTINA CURRAN &  
Her son MICHAEL who died recently  
ANTHONY FEIGHERY  
SEAMUS & KATHLEEN FEIGHERY  
PATRICK GRANT  
ELIZABETH GRANT (Birthday Rem)  
BREDA POWER  
PADDY McDONAGH  
EDWARD & NELLIE WALSH  
WILLIE BUTLER  
May they Rest in Peace



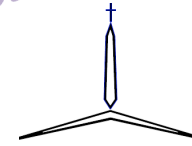
*Let those words,  
'to whom shall  
I go, Lord',  
echo in*

*your prayer  
and talk  
to the Lord  
about how  
you feel.*

*Lord we pray for support  
and strength  
in our following of you.*



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



25th of August, 2024 - TWENTY-FIRST 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.'

## Big Choices

*John 6:60-69*

We remember big and small choices in life. Ones that effected life totally like a job, marriage, retirement, redundancy; having an operation or many more. Or Choices about the children that effected their lives – school, moving house.

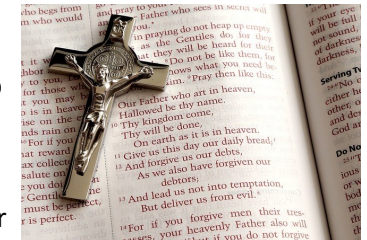
Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices.

Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me?

The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.

We need the company of other. The community of faith and of the church. Peter says – to whom shall we go? We follow Christ together.



*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

**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/>

**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.**

 **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/>

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.'*

*In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else.*

**AUTUMN COLLECTION (September 8th)**

Our Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish will take place on the weekend of the 8th of September. We would be grateful for your help distributing the collection envelopes in your usual areas.

**BUTLERSTOWN**

Envelopes will be available for collection from Butlerstown Sacristy from 31st of August.

**ST. PAUL'S**

Envelopes will be available for collection from St Paul's Parish Centre on Wednesday & Thursday 28th & 29th August from 11am to 12 and on Wednesday 4th of September from 11am to 12. Thank you.

If anybody is available and willing to help us with envelope deliveries in the areas below please call into the Parish Centre at the above times. Thank you.

**Woodlawn Grove**

**118 to 160 Larchville  
Oak Terrace, Lisduffgan**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH : €2,015**

**BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH €677.90  
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)

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

**WHY IS IT, LORD?**

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies,

and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves,

and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy,

and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

Triona Doherty

**EVERY TIME**

Perhaps the best way of approaching the mystery of life commitments is by reflecting on God's commitment to us. This is a commitment that will never be broken. I believe that because of God's permanent commitment to us we can make a life commitment to God. There are some very dramatic actions such as religious vows or marriage vows that express that commitment. However, the commitment is repeated and renewed every time we bless ourselves, every time we pray even a prayer of petition, every time we celebrate a Eucharist.

*Fr Robert Lauder, The Tablet*



**FROM THIS LOVE**

Our Christian faith is based on a love-relationship with God. From this love, our actions and our rituals flow. From this love flows our non-judgemental attitude to others. Into this love happiness enters from God and flows from us to others.

Words of Pope Francis re-iterate this: Keep your gaze fixed on Jesus Christ and learn from him how to love with a truly human heart, to care for the lost and hurting members of his flock, to work for justice and show solidarity with the weak and the poor' (To Sacred Heart Missionaries, May 2018).