

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**E-mail:** [stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com)  
**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)  
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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](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.

## PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Lord, our loved one is gone now from this earthly dwelling, and has left behind those who mourn his/her absence. Grant that we may hold his/her memory dear, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret for the past, but always in hope of the eternal Kingdom where you will bring us together again.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

PEGGY McCARTHY  
& her mother MARGARET McCARTHY  
SARAH & THOMAS O'HALLORAN  
KITTY KELLY (Birthday Rem)  
PAUL SULLIVAN  
PADRAIC McKEOWN  
CATHERINE FURLONG  
BERNIE O'BYRNE  
BRIDGET O'BRIEN  
Her husband LAWRENCE,  
Son PETER, daughter CATHERINE  
& grandson PETER JOHN  
LEE SALKELD (Birthday Rem)  
SARAH COLLINS (Birthday Rem)

### BUTLERSTOWN

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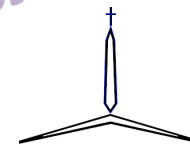
May they Rest in Peace



Lord,  
Please give me the grace  
to maintain my hope in you  
through all of life's changes  
and to taste and see your  
goodness.

I praise you for the gifts you  
have showered on me for so  
many years. Help me find joy in  
a renewed strength of spirit.  
Bless me with good health, and  
inspire me to be a good example  
to others. Amen.

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



4th of August, 2024 - EIGHTEENTH 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 'I' Word

Jesus is a man of the 'I' word – and not in a boastful way. He speaks of the bread in the desert, the manna which nourished the people in their wanderings. He builds on their belief in a bread from heaven, but now that he himself is the bread. The bread gives life to the soul. He is this bread.

Our Christian faith is centred on a 'person', not on a book. The gospel is the book of life because it is the book of Jesus. Jesus is our life because he comes from God. So we call this at times the bread of heaven.

What more ordinary ways can heaven and earth be linked than in the most ordinary of foods? It means that in the ordinary events of our lives, God is very near in Jesus. He makes his home in us as the bread we eat becomes part of us.

The same with love – our faith links always human and divine love, and human love of all sorts is a share in the divine life of love. Can we really believe this? That the next time you really love your child, your friend, your spouse or anyone in your life, you are bringing them a bit of God!



That is one of the main reasons why we want to live in love. That we link heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, Jesus and ourselves. Then the 'I' of Jesus becomes the 'we' of his earthly body and presence now.

*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/>

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES**  
**MONDAY 5TH OF AUGUST**  
**MASS IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH AT 10.30AM.**

**CEMETERY MASSES**

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

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTA 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: €1,999**

**BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH**  
**€902.79                      THANK YOU**

**PRAYER TO SAINT CHRISTOPHER**

Grant me, O Lord,  
a steady hand and watchful eye.  
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.  
You gave life, I pray no act of mine  
may take away or mar that gift of thine.  
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear my  
company, from all calamity.  
Teach me, to use my car for others need;  
Nor miss through love of undue speed  
the beauty of the world;  
That thus I may with joy and courtesy go on  
my way.  
St. Christopher, holy patron of travellers,  
protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.

**OUR DEEPEST NEED.**

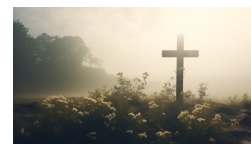
We only have to consider the number of cookery programmes on television to realise that food is big business and that it has little to do with feeding the hungry. In the developed world it is about novelty, the exotic, what is really healthy. We don't want the same old thing over and over because we get bored easily. In a certain sense, this is a type of potent symbol for what is being addressed in the readings. To quote from Deuteronomy, '*Human beings do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God*'.

We hunger for meaning, a sense of purpose and if that is addressed then we can be truly content. This is what Jesus, as the bread of life, is speaking about. In him we can come to understand ourselves and be amazed at our own dignity and worth in the sight of God. We are, at heart, spiritual beings and if we don't address that, then we might easily spend our time satisfying our appetites and never our deepest need.

**PRAYER OF ST. BENEDICT**

Gracious and holy Father,  
grant us the intellect to understand you,  
reason to discern you, diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you,  
a heart to meditate upon you.  
May our ears hear you,  
may our eyes behold you,  
and may our tongues proclaim you.

Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,  
that we may have patience to wait for you  
and the perseverance to look for you.  
Grant us a perfect end--your holy presence,  
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**JOHN 6:24-35**

Last Sunday's gospel from John talked about Jesus miraculously feeding the 5,000. Today's gospel is closely connected to that; the people in the Galilean countryside are still following Jesus; they were fed once, and, as Jesus realizes, they've come for more. They are still hungry. They probably don't quite know themselves what they are hungry for, or what they truly need.

How often do we hear in the gospels this question about Jesus, 'Who is this?' Which reminds us a lot of the question of the Israelites, 'Man hu', what is this? People see Jesus as a teacher, a healer, someone who is different, someone who has authority, a leader, a prophet, someone with amazing powers. But they don't see that Jesus is 'it' - 'manna'.

They, just like those Israelites in the wilderness, don't realise that God has set before them exactly what they need, what the world needs: Jesus himself, the bread from heaven, the bread of life. They don't see that there, right in front of their eyes, is God who models compassion, grace, solidarity, true community - true communion -, and self-sacrifice for the sake of the world, for the sake of the larger good.

They - and not only they, but we as well - have a hard time understanding that we are called to partake in this God with all our heart and all our mind and all our soul, to make all that Christ embodies part of us - you are, what you eat, after all - and allow our lives be transformed. And that we are called to become bread ourselves, sharing ourselves with a hungry world.

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