### PARISH INFORMATION

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RITA & TOMMY KELLY, KITTY & PATRICK POWER, GEOFF POWER, MARY & WILLIAM ROWE & their sons & daughters, THE WALL FAMILY, PHILIP & MICHAEL SINNOTT, DANIEL DOYLE, THE O'NEILL & DOYLE FAMILIES, RICHARD KEANE, MARGARET & MICHAEL HENNESSY, TONY QUANN, MICHAEL HALLORAN & his wife LALLY & daughter CATHERINE JOE FITZGGERALD, JOSEPH & MARGARET DOHERTY, PEGGY CONNOLLY, THE McNEILL & FITZGERALD Families, NICHOLAS, JOHN & TREVOR GRIFFIN, JOANIE WARREN nee FREEMAN, The RYAN, LYNAGH, HENNESSY, GALVIN, POWER, O'DRISCOLL, MEADE FORRY & MURPHY Families, ANN & MICHAEL HEAERN, JOHN BUTLER, DICK BUTLER, TONY & NOEL DUFFY & their Parents, STATIA & JIMMY HODGERS, PETER O'TOOLE. EILEEN MEAGHER & MARTIN HODGERS. FREDDIE ROBINSON (BR), DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROBINSON & DROHAN FAMILIES, , BERNARD, BRIDGET, PATTI & MARGARET BRANNINGAN, DANNY THERESA & JOE LANGFORD, CATHERINE & STEPHEN O'KEEFFE, ROBERT COSTELLO, MOSSIE & BETTY O'KEEFFE, LIAM & MARY BYRNE, JOE & ANDREW NIXON & decd relatives & friends, THE O'NEILL & DOYLE FAMILIES, JAMES & KATHLEEN CROKE, their son MICHAEL & daughter MARY POWER, the SHANAHAN, McEVOY & CONDON Families, JOHN O'MAHONY (MM) JACK BARRY, TOM KENNEDY (BR), STEPHEN FOLEY, PATRICK & MARGARET POWER & PATRICK Jnr & MICHAEL JAMES, THE HOLY SOULS

### BUTLERSTOWN

KAY, JACK & DAMIAN RICHARDS, ALICE DOODY, ALAN & KATHLEEN MORGAN, PEGGY CONNOLLY



May they Rest in Peace.

May the Prince of Peace find you wherever life has placed you this Christmas.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

ST. PAUL'S

JUDY FLYNN (MM), MICHAEL MAHONY (MM) PADDY DOYLE IOSEPHINE RUSSELL MIRIAM & BILLY McGRATH EDDIE O'LEARY, KITTY CHESTER EDDIE WALSH, RICHARD BROWN MICHAEL & SHEILA McCLOSKEY LENA & ANDY DOHERTY PADDY & ANN WHELAN PATRICK & MAI O'REGAN SUSAN ENNIS (MM) MAURICE & MAGARET CORCORAN MARY CORCORAN MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE O'BRIEN **EVELYN & MICHAEL LOHMUS** JIMMY O'NEILL & his Parents JOE FITZGERALD, RITA KELLY DAVID & CATHERINE O'LEARY **JOSIE COLLINS, LARRY O'NEILL** MADGE & JOE CORCORAN THE CORCORAN FAMILY MAVIS & EDDIE ROCHE CHRISTY, ELEANOR & DICK DEEGAN **DOLL & HENRY BALL** IOHN PAUL McDONAGH TH KELLY, WHELAN & COONEY FAMILIES, MOLLY & BILLY POWER, their son MICHAEL granddaughter STACEY & grandson OWEN WILIAM & RAYMOND KELLY DAVID ROCHE PATRICK & MARGART SHERIDAN & FAMILY, JOHN & ELLEN WALL & family **BENNY & MARGARET SHERIDAN** MICKEY & BETTY SHERIDAN & Family **EDWARD & CATHERING WYSE &** Family, BRENDA WALKER, MICHAEL & ELLEN WALSH & Family TIM McENERY, NOEL BURKE THE O'MAHONY FAMILY THE MURPHY FAMILY THOMAS ELILZABETH, OWEN, PA & BERNARD KINSELLA, EDWARD & ALICE O'LEARY, DANIEL COLLINS, ELLEN (NELLIE) KENNEDY, MARY & PADDY O'DONOGHUE & THEIR DAUGHTERS LUCY & THERESA & GRANDSON JERRY, DANNY MARKS & his parents WILLIE & MARY & brother

**GEORGIE & Family,** 



#### 22nd of DECEMBER 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.'

### Dear Parishioners & Friends.

In all that has been written about Jesus of Nazareth (the Person, not the film!), the following is the most remarkable: 'Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the perfect copy of God's nature'. In



Him we see the face of God. Our

questions about God are answered as fully as the human mind can grasp in the person of Jesus. If you want to see God, look at Jesus. This is why we celebrate Christmas in such a memorable way. Our God has spoken; his Word is Jesus, who is described in the Gospel as 'the Word made flesh.' This is the greatest communication known to humanity. It reveals to us a God of infinite love and mercy.

We continue to witness the sorrow and heartbreak of our brothers and sisters in Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Ukraine and the Sudan, and in many other places across the world. Many amongst us have personal sorrows of their own.

Our Saviour invites us to continue to believe in love in the face of every obstacle.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all, and renewed thanks for your faithful and generous support for your parishes.

Let us keep in mind especially those who will be spending their first Christmas without a departed loved one.

May the Jubilee of 2025 be a Year of Grace and Hope for the Church and for the world.

Fr Pat, Sr. De Lourdes, Fr. Dawit And all the members of our Parish Pastoral Councils.

# OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED & BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s</a>

### LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown

You can also read our latest Newsletter at the above links.

**RADIO:** Morning Mass from St. Paul's Church on the Radio at **107.9FM** 

### 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/



**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/

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To read our Newsletter and for all Parish News and Information

https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: €2,569

THANK YOU

## THANK YOU TO OUR ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

Sincere thanks to all of you who helped with our Christmas Delivery in Butlerstown and St. Paul's. Your help is very much appreciated.

### THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

under the auspices of the Knights of St. Columbanus, will take place at 12.30pm on Christmas Day at St. Joseph's School, Parnell Street, Waterford. This function has now been running for well over 70 year. Anyone, and particularly those who are far from home, who would not otherwise enjoy a Christmas dinner on that day will be very welcome, just turn up at 12.30pm. The dinner is completely free to the men and women attending.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

#### 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. 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.

## THE PARISH - ST. PAUL'S, LISDUGGAN - OUR HISTORY

The history of our parish has been published and is now on sale after Masses in St Paul's — cost €10

This publication will tell, in myriad ways, the story of our Parish Community, from its beginnings to the present day. It should stand as a tribute to all who played a part in the formation of our Parish.

May Joy
be your gift
at Christmas
and may Faith, Hope and
Love be your treasures in the New Year.

### **CHRISTMAS**

calls us to a sense of wonder and gratitude.

It awakens the child in us.

It stirs up a sense of joy and delight.

It fosters a sense of togetherness and connection.

It moves us to reach out, to be hospitable and inclusive.

It lifts us up into a more positive perspective on ourselves and our world. Christmas turns the lights on in every dark corner.

### THE REAL WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS...

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and princes are home.
When the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins;
to find the lost;
to heal the broken;

to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner:

to rebuild the nations:

to bring peace among people;

to make music in the heart. Howard Thurman

PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

DECEMBER 24th

**CONFESSIONS** FROM 11.00A.M. to 1.00P.M. IN ST. PAUL'S

DECEMBER 24TH:

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** 

6.30P.M. IN BUTLERSTOWN 7.30P.M. IN ST. PAUL'S

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

7.00P.M. IN BUTLERSTOWN 8.00P.M. IN ST. PAUL'S

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8.30A.M. \_IN ST. PAUL'S 10.00A.M. IN BUTLERSTOWN 11.30A.M. IN ST. PAUL'S (Toy Mass – bring 1 huggy toy only!)

### DECEMBER 26TH

10.30 A.M. MASS IN ST. PAUL'S 12.00 Noon MASS IN BUTLERSTOWN.

DECEMBER 27TH to 29TH INCLUSIVE Mass in St. Paul's at 10.30A.M on Friday

No Mass on Friday in Butlerstown

Normal Schedule for the weekend.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MONDAY 6TH OF JANUARY

Mass Times:

10.00am IN BUTLERSTOWN11.30am IN ST. PAUL'S7.30pm IN ST. PAUL'S

