

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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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

*Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker
in my own life, and in the world.
This is my Advent prayer
today.*



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MARY MURPHY
CATHERINE SULLIVAN
ANN HEARN & her husband MICHAEL
LARRY & BERNADETTE FITZPATRICK
PHILIIP MURPHY
THOMAS QUINN
BRYAN CUNNINGHAM
MICHAEL HEALY
THOMAS & CATHERINE FITZGERALD
& their daughter KATHLEEN
EDWARD FANNING
BILLY SUTTON
JOHN SWEENEY
PATRICIA HOBAN
MARY & WILLIAM MARKS
& deceased family members
MARGARET & MICHAEL MEANEY
ELLEN & PAUL GILES
JACK O'MAHONY
PETER O'TOOLE

BUTLERSTOWN

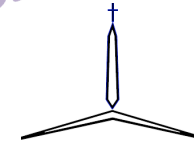
ANNE CORBETT
MARIE WALSH (BR)
& her parents THOMAS & MARGARET
SMYTH

May They Rest in Peace

*We walk
into
the mystery of our lives
with its twists & turns
Trusting in God
to guide us.*



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



8th of DECEMBER 2024 - SECOND 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. '

The Parish - St. Paul's, Lisduggan - The History

The history of our parish has been published and will be available and on sale after its launch in the

Parish Centre on Saturday, 14th December at 7.00 p.m.

Bishop Phonicie Cullinan, the Mayor of Waterford City & County, Cllr Jason Murphy, and Metropolitan Mayor, Cllr Joe Kelly, will join us.

You are cordially invited to this special event.

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. Copies of this Book will be available for Sale in the Church Porch on Sunday 15th of December after Mass and each morning during the following week.

Lonely Voices

John's was a voice crying in the wilderness, a lonely voice that many of his contemporaries ignored. The voice of the prophet is not the only voice that is ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world that go unheeded.

Somewhere at this moment a child is crying - crying for love or maybe simply for bread.

Somewhere a young person is crying - crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart.

Somewhere old people are crying - crying for a word from their children.

There are a thousand lonely voices, a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from the victims of injustice or neglect.

Lord, help us to listen to these voices.

Above all, help us to listen to your voice

whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,

telling us we are loved by the Father and that we are to love one another.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B



**OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE
STREAMED & 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>

**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/>



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News and Information**
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH : €2,108

THANK YOU

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES SUNDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Normal Weekend/Sunday Schedule in both
St. Paul's and Butlerstown Churches.

There will be **No Evening Mass.**

NOTICE FOR ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

We would be grateful for your help with the
Christmas Delivery in your usual areas, if you
are available.

St. Paul's Delivery can be collected from the
Parish Office from Thursday 12th of
December.

Butlerstown Delivery can be collected from
Butlerstown Sacristy from the weekend of
the 14/15th of December.

As always thank for your help.

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown
Next Weekend December 14th/15th.

An Opportunity for Individual Confession &
Absolution immediately after 6pm, 8.30am,
10am (Butlerstown) & 11.30am Masses.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

December: For Pilgrims of Hope: Let us pray
that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith,
helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in
our daily lives, and that it may transform us
into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
who is, who was, and who is to come,
we pray for the virtue of hope,
that amidst the trials and difficulties
of this world,
we may keep our hearts fixed upon you.
May your grace enliven us,
strengthen us,
and defend us,
as we await your coming in glory. Amen

BE A SIGNPOST

How is your Advent going? We're a week in
already. Less than three weeks to Christmas
and so much still to be done! Where to start?

If we have time to listen, there are some
pointers in our readings today. Following
the example of John the Baptist, our Advent
task is to 'prepare a way for the Lord'.
Of course in these busy weeks we have
shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and
festive gatherings to organise; these are
important parts of our Christmas
celebrations.

But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this
Christmas? Can we create space amid the
hustle and bustle? And not just in our own
personal lives – we are also called to be
witnesses, to be the people who 'cry in the
wilderness', announcing the good news to
others. We must be signposts, our words and
actions pointing towards Christ. Our task
this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our
dealings with others as we count down to
Christmas, let us try to be like John the
Baptist, pointing always towards Christ.
Triona Doherty



The advent of our Lord is near
Bringing light and life and love into our world
Let us draw close rejoicing
in the salvation of God
Let us be bearers of God's light
Proclaimers of God's love
Bringers of God's life to people everywhere
Light shines in the darkness
A flame that brightens every day
Leading us towards the birth of Christ
Guiding us to the one who is the light of the
world

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE

God of all creation,
we praise you for this tree
which brings beauty and memories
and the promise of life to our home.
May your blessing be upon
all who gather around this tree,
all who keep the Christmas festival
by its lights.
We wait for the coming of the Christ,
the days of everlasting justice and of peace.
You are our God, living and reigning,
for ever and ever. Amen.

O SWEET CHILD OF BETHLEHEM,

grant that we may share with all our
hearts in this profound mystery
of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this
peace for which they sometimes seek so
desperately and which you alone
can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters, children
of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness
and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude
for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.
Pope John XXIII

Father in heaven, our minds and hearts
are filled with hope.
Bless those who are less fortunate
than we are at this moment.
Bless those who are homeless, who are
hungry, and those people who witness
poverty every day, in our own country
and in the developing world.
Bless the sick and comfort the dying.
May we be filled with peace during this
special time of waiting. Amen.