

PARISH INFORMATION

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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/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.

THE NEW YEAR,

like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away.

The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing.

As a blessing we welcome them.

Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MARGARET & CHRISTOPHER
KINSELLA & deceased Sons
JIMMY TUBBRITT
EDDIE O'SHEA & his father
MICHAEL O'SHEA and Brothers &
Sisters

ALICE MELAY
MARGARET DOHERETY nee
BARRETT

PATRICK CREGAN
PATSY CONNOLLY
BERNIE CULLINANE
MAGGIE & JACK CULLINANE
EDDIE O'BRIEN
CHARLIE MEAGHER
MAI POWER (Months Mind)
MARGARET DOHERTY
TONY DUFFY

BUTLERSTOWN

VERONICA O'BRIEN
May They Rest in Peace

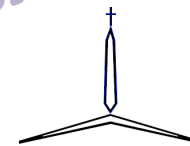


THOUGHTS.....

Much may be done in those little shreds and patches of time which every day produces, and which most men throw away.

Charles Caleb Colton

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



12th of January 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tell the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way.

The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment And it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world – for there the battles are fought.

This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, To know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly.'



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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/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: €1,736

THANK YOU

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

theme **Pilgrims of Hope**, officially began on Christmas Eve with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter by Pope Francis, who then presided over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica.

A Jubilee Year is celebrated every twenty-five years by the Church, during which Catholics come together to rejoice in the faith. Over the Jubilee Year, we are encouraged to show mercy, forgive past wrongs, and to spiritually rejuvenate. On 29 December, bishops across Ireland celebrated Mass to mark the launch of this Holy Year.

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

THE PARISH - ST. PAUL'S, LISDUGGAN

The history of our parish has been published and is 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to all for your continued support during the year and at Christmas time. Thanks to all who organised and participated in fundraising events. All of your generosity is very much appreciated.

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING

Our next will take place on Tuesday 4th of February at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome to join us.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you did not receive your box of envelopes for 2025 or if you would like a box of envelopes for your donations to St. Paul's or Butlerstown, please contact the Parish Office.

NEW YEAR PRAYERS

Eternal God
in your purpose our lives are lived, and by your grace our hopes are bright. Be with us in the coming year, forgiving, leading, and saving; so that we may walk without fear, in the way of Jesus Christ.

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. Amen.



SPIRIT ENERGY

Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the Spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be?
Donal Neary SJ

