

PARISH INFORMATION

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Web: 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. 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.

Winter is a time of grey, velvet weather drifting towards us. It arrives on 'little cat feet' and curls itself around us like the fog in Sandburg's poem. The weather is a friend if you make it one. I look forward to the grey quiet time for solitude, contemplation, reading, long conversations with friends. Colours are softer, sounds have more depth, the pace is gentler. Instead of resentment at the lack of sun, snuggle into the grey velvet quilt and make yourself a cup of tea.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

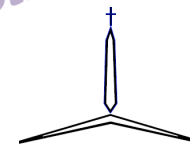
TOM FITZGERALD (MM)
NELLIE TWOMEY
& her daughter DENISE
BEN HARTE
MARIA MURPHY
ALMA DOYLE
WILLIAM SULLIVAN
KITTY O'TOOLE
EILEEN & JACK GRANT
& their daughter MARY
TOMMY DURNEY (A & Birthday Rem)
& his wife MARY
LIMA O'TOOLE
GERRY BROWN
PATRICK COMMINS
ADRIAN COMMINS
PEGGY O'TOOLE (Birthday Rem)
CLAIRE BRESLIN
THOMAS (TOM) KENNEDY
PEGGY CONNOLLY
JOHN HEALY
ELIZABETH GRANT
BUTLERSTOWN
MONICA CORCORAN (MM)
BREDA CAREY

May They Rest in Peace



Dear God,
give me strength
when I am weak,
love when I feel forsaken,
courage when I am afraid,
wisdom when I feel foolish,
comfort when I am alone,
hope when I feel rejected,
and peace when
I am in turmoil.
Amen.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



19th of January 2025 - SECOND 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. '

Cana: New Wine for Life

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their lives. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding, but more so, it is the promise of the fullness of God.

We look for the fullness of life in money, food, travel, security, -none last. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

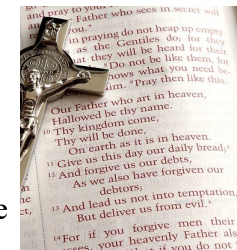
A man was asked in the hospice at the end of his life -'what is happiness?'

'Find happiness now' was his answer -'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter what our, age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God.

Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after - in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Donal Neary SJ



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/buttlertown>

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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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: €2,215

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS TODAY

Almost two thousand years ago Jesus of
Nazareth spoke of the Reign of God as
healing for the sick, hearing for the deaf,
sight for the blind, freedom for prisoners,
good news for the poor.

The world is full of real problems; the pain of
human experience is obvious. In facing this
reality we could turn our backs in despair and
throw our hands in the air at the futility of
human life. But the call of Christian
discipleship demands otherwise. It demands
that we always seek to lift the burden. The
burdens of life are real and so we need to
help each other in:

- opening our eyes to the reality of life
- feeding those who are too weak to feed themselves
- liberating those who are oppressed
- expanding our minds through education
- dispelling our fear of the unknown
- challenging ourselves to let go of hurts and prejudice
- unsealing our ears to hear the divine echo in our hearts
- inspiring hope for the future

In all of these ways the ministry of Jesus is
continued as 'the blind see again, the lame
walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear,
the dead are raised to life, the good news is
proclaimed to the poor' (Luke 7:22). To teach
as Christ taught means inviting people to live
without the crutch or the grudge or the
closed mind.

Catholic schools make an indispensable
contribution to Catholic education. While
such schools can never replace the home or
the parish they have a crucial role to play in
the education of the next generation of young
people.

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OUR ANNUAL NOVENA
TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Will take place in St. Paul's Church from the 3rd
to the 11th of February. Envelopes for your
intentions will be available in the Church in the
coming weeks. More details to come.

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. 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.

NEW SMART-PHONE CLASSES

are beginning in Browns Road Library on
Wednesday, 29th January. Classes will run for
seven weeks every Wednesday from 10am to
12pm. If you are interested in getting involved,
please contact us either by phone (051) 849 614
or email the library at
brownsroadlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie.

In prayer we are never alone.

But too often we do not appreciate this; our
eyes can be closed to the blessings around us,
to the height and depth and breadth of the
mystery of our Christian prayer and our
Christian life. But even there God is full of
compassion for us in our weakness, as is Christ
our mediator. And he can work within us in his
own way, usually hidden from us, to bless us
with all the abundance and generosity that are
his. *Patrick McGoldrick 'Remember and Give
Thanks'*

PARISH FAITH REP RECRUITMENT 2025

Do you feel called to help young people on
their journey of faith? Join our growing
team of Faith Reps across the diocese. We
are looking for volunteers to train and be
commissioned for two years to support
young people in encountering faith in
their parish or area, while being supported
themselves by the Ascend Diocesan Team
for Youth & Young Adult Ministry.
What qualifications are necessary? We are
looking for people of faith over the age of
18, who uphold the teachings of the
Catholic Church and have a heart for
young people, and who are supported by
their parish priest. Faith Reps can come
from any walk of life or stage of life.
Firstly, speak with your parish priest to
express interest, and complete the
application form he will give you. More
information on the role of a Faith Rep can
be found at [www.waterfordlismore.ie/
parish-faith-reps](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps)
Application deadline: Friday 21st February
Information Sessions: Monday
10th February at 7.30pm (St John's
Pastoral Centre, Waterford X91HW9D)
and 17th February at 7.30pm (on zoom) –
email youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie
or contact (085) 8623704 for more
information.

*I picture people I know
and give thanks to God
for each of them
Let your face shine on us
O Lord,
that we may see your
reflection
in each other.*

