

PARISH INFORMATION

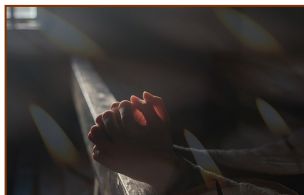
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Facebook: St Pauls Church Lisduggan.
Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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.

Lord, most of us will not become well-known or be written about because of great achievements, but we will be remembered for our attitude towards individuals.

Inspire us, Lord, so that we may transform this day by being positive in attitude, and looking for the best in people and situations. Amen



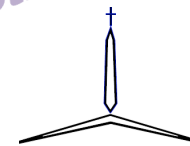
ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S
MARGARET GALVIN
WILLIAM GALVIN
& daughters IRENE NORRIS
EILEEN POWER
MADELINE BUTLER
MARIE DORAN
CHEIFIE BARRY
ANN WALKER
LIAM O'SULLIVAN
KATHLEEN BUTLER
THOMAS & SARAH O' HALLORAN
PEGGY McCARTHY (br)
ALICE DALTON , her sons & daughter,
THOMAS & CATHERINE O'CONOR
& sons TOM & PAT
WILLIAM (BILLY) CULLEN (MM)
STEPHEN COLLINS,
SARAH COLLINS
MARY COLILNS (Br)
RICHE COLLINS (Br)
PADRAIC McKEOWN (Br)
TOM FURLONG
THOMAS & BRIDIE MARSHALL
Daughters ANN, BETTY & ESTHER
Grandsons JASON & NOEL
PATRICK & CATHERINE CONNORS
PATRICK JNR, daughter BRIDIE &
granddaughters AMANDA & CATHERINE,
Son in law JIM
ANNA SHAW
THOMAS & BRIDGET McLAWRENCE
THOMAS Snr & his grandson THOMAS,
JOANIE SAUVAGE
PADDY & LILLY McLAWRENCE
& son KEVIN
JOHN AYERS
TILLY FOX
& her daughter ANN MARIE
who died recently
JOSEPHINE KEATING
ROSE KELLY
PAUL PURCELL (Br)
BUTLERSTOWN
PHILOMENA (MENA) DANIELS

May They Rest in Peace



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



2nd of February 2025 - THE PRESENTATION 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after the feast of Christmas, as it was traditionally understood that Jesus was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as Candlemas, because candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life. This is in keeping with Simeon's reference to the child Jesus in the gospel reading as a 'light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'.

Simeon's prayer beginning, 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace', has become an integral element of the Night Prayer of the Church. Simeon recognized the true identity of the child that the young couple from Nazareth brought into the Temple. He realized who had just entered the Temple, who had entered his life. Looking at this new born child, he could see the 'salvation' that God had been preparing for all the nations to see. Simeon recognized that the light of God's love was shining through the face of this child, a light that would enlighten the pagans and bring glory to Israel.

The gospel reading suggests that Simeon had this level of insight into the child Jesus because the Holy Spirit rested on him and he came to the child prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who allows us to see Jesus as he really is. We need the Holy Spirit to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, especially his greatest gift, his beloved Son, who is with us until the end of time. On this feast we invite the Holy Spirit to rest upon us afresh, so that we may recognize the many ways that the Lord enters our lives.

Fr Martin Hogan

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
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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
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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To read our Newsletter and for all Parish
News and Information
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,954

THANK YOU

BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
MASS IN ST. PAUL'S ON MONDAY 3RD OF
FEBRUARY WILL BE AT 10.30AM.

'YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD.'

I remember this phrase from a good friend
(who also was my mother) when I
contemplated returning to college at age 42
to earn an associate degree in physical
therapy. Could I learn again and read a
textbook? Could I understand Physics 101?
Are you kidding? After all, cookbooks and
light novels were the extent of my reading! I
graduated with honours, passed the state
exam and began a second career at 45! Like I
said, 'You are never too old. No excuses!'

Anna lived her long life serving God. She
allowed the Lord to work in her, and this
brought her to the recognition of this infant
being brought to the temple for His
presentation to the Lord. It had not been an
easy life for her, being a widow all those
years. Widows in those days did not have the
same stature as those with husbands and
families. But she lived every day in
communion with the Lord, and it allowed her
to recognise the infant, Jesus.

Simeon and Anna were persistent in prayer.
They showed up faithfully each day. We can
learn from them that
God is always at work
in a quiet way in our
lives, even when
things seem
impossible. So don't
give up and never
think you are too old. God will show you
things in your life if you stay close to Him
with prayer, and you will recognise Him, just
as Simeon and Anna recognised the infant,
Jesus.

Bonnie Chester



ANNUAL NOVENA TO
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
LISDUGGAN,
MONDAY 3RD
TO TUESDAY 11TH
OF FEBRUARY

NOVENA TIMES

10.30am - Monday 3rd (Bank Holiday)
10.00am - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday
6.00pm - Saturday
8.30am & 11.30am - Sunday
10.00am - Monday & Tuesday

Monday Fr. Irenaeus Drewniak
Tuesday Fr. Liam Power
Wednesday Fr. Ger Langford
Thursday Fr. John Harris
Friday Fr. Dawit Tekle
Saturday Fr. Ned Hassett
Sunday Fr. Dawit Tekle 8.30am
Fr. Pat Fitzgerald 11.30am
Monday Fr. Richard O'Halloran
Tuesday Bishop Phonicie Cullinan

The Blessing of throats will take place at
Mass on the Feast of St. Blaise, Monday 3rd

On the final day of the Novena, 11th
February, The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes
and World Day of the Sick,

The Anointing of the Sick will take place
for those who request it.

Envelopes for your Intentions are available
at the back of the Church.

THE PARISH - ST. PAUL'S, LISDUGGAN

The history of our parish has been
published, some copies are still available
and are on sale after Masses in St Paul's,
cost €10

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place this
Tuesday 4th of February at 10.30am in the
Parish Centre. All are welcome to join us.

TAIZE VIGIL FOR PEACE

led by the Island of Ireland Peace Choir on
Friday 7th February at Edmund Rice Chapel,
Barrack St., Waterford from 8pm to 9pm. All
are very Welcome.

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 .

More details and dates for information
sessions can be found at
www.waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps
Application deadline: Friday 21st February

SAINT BRIGID'S BLESSING St. Brigid's Day 1st of February

May Brigid bless the house
wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats
beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks portals
through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters
us.