

## 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](http://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.

Father  
In this moment of overwhelming thoughts and emotions, I turn to You.  
You are my refuge and strength.  
Grant me peace and clarity  
in the midst of chaos.  
Help me cast my burdens upon You, knowing You care for me.  
Guide me step by step, and grant me the strength to face each challenge with Your wisdom and grace.  
Thank You for Your unfailing love and constant presence.  
Amen.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

NOEL BURKE  
MARY BARDEN  
PADDY KEANE  
PADDY (BOOLA) POWER  
MICHAEL FITZGERALD  
VIVIENNE FOLEY TRAVERS (BR)  
JOAN FANNING  
NICHOLAS O'TOOLE  
JIMMY COLLINS  
PATRICK RUSSELL  
& his daughter ELIZABETH WHELAN  
MARY BUTLER who died recently

STELLA COLLINS  
ELIZABETH CUSACK  
MATT SHANAHAN

### BUTLERSTOWN

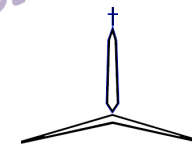
ELLEN COSTELLO

May They Rest in Peace



*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*  
*Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.*  
*Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.*  
*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.*  
*Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.*  
*Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.*  
*Amen.*

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



16th of February 2025 - SIXTH 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. '

## SIGNPOSTS

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Much of what drives us today is based on image. How we will appear to others can seem more important than reality. We see this with fake Instagram accounts, fake followers, fake articles, and overblown personal stories on social media, with the many filters on our phone cameras and the lengths we go to in order to get more followers. This way of living has seeped into our consciousness. The way of Christ is a different way in which we are asked to be humble and selfless, not in a rose-tinted capacity but in a real way, a way that can hurt us, away that in some capacity mirrors Jesus's walk to Calvary. Just like with our phone filters, it is very easy to sentimentalise Christianity. There is no evidence to suggest that Jesus was sentimental. His message went to the core of our being, and today in the beatitudes he is asking us for some of the humility that he has shown when he died for our sins.

We have been asked to reappraise where we are in our faith path. Where we go from here is anyone's guess. But with the Gospels as our signposts we have a wonderful opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus and live as though within the beatitudes. This may be a difficult thing to attain but it is also possible. Jesus, who is perfectly human as well as perfectly divine, proved this to us with his example.

*Mount St Joseph Abbey*



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: €2,217

THANK YOU

THIS SUNDAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY  
Safeguarding Newsletters are being handed  
out in the Church Porch this weekend.  
Please pick one up as you leave.

DEEP IN OUR HEART

In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot  
forget that poetry and love are necessary to  
save our humanity. No algorithm will ever be  
able to capture, for example, the nostalgia  
that all of us feel, whatever our age, and  
wherever we live, when we recall how we  
first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies  
that we helped our mothers or grandmothers  
to make at home.

All these little things, ordinary in themselves  
yet extraordinary for us, can never be  
captured by algorithms. The fork, the joke,  
the window, the ball, the shoebox, the book,  
the bird, the flower: all of these live on as  
precious memories 'kept' deep in our heart.

*Pope Francis, Dilxit Nos,*

*On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart  
of Jesus Christ*

*That I May be Merciful*

*Help me O Lord*

*That I may be merciful*

*That I may never speak wrongly of others,*

*But have a word of comfort*

*And forgiveness for all*

*Never bear more  
than one kind of trouble  
at a time.*

*Some people bear three  
All they have had,  
All they have now  
And all they expect to have.*



SHRINE OF ST. VALENTINE  
WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH, DUBLIN.

Throughout the centuries since Valentine  
received martyrdom there have been various  
basilicas, churches and monasteries built  
over the site of his grave. Over the years,  
many restorations and reconstructions took  
place at the site. In the early 1800's, such  
work was taking place and the remains of  
Valentine were discovered along with a  
small vessel tinged with his blood and some  
other artefacts.

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite called John Spratt  
was in Rome. His fame as a preacher had  
gone before him, no doubt brought by some  
Jesuits who had been in Dublin. The elite of  
Rome flocked to hear him and he received  
many tokens of esteem . One such token  
came from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846)  
and were the remains of Saint Valentine.

On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary  
containing the remains arrived in Dublin  
and were brought in solemn procession to  
Whitefriar Street Church . With the death  
of Fr Spratt interest in the relics died away  
and they went into storage. During a major  
renovation in the church in the 1950s/60s  
they were returned to prominence with an  
altar and shrine being constructed to house  
them and enable them to be venerated.

Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the  
year by couples who come to pray to  
Valentine and to ask him to watch over  
them in their lives together.

*Lord, I ask you to help me to  
show kindness in other people's  
troubles, and courage in my own.*

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

SONGS OF HOPE

This Sunday 16th February, Cathedral of the  
Most Holy Trinity Waterford at 5pm. Join  
local choirs singing Waterford's favourite  
hymns in aid of The Samaritans and Friends  
of the Cathedral Music which supports the  
cathedral music programme for young  
musicians

67TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF WATERFORD  
AND LISMORE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

4th - 9th June, 2025 led by Most Rev  
Alphonsus Cullinan. From €909 per person  
sharing. Helpers also needed. More info  
on [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie) Enquiries: Joe  
Walsh Tours(01) 2410800  
[info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

FUNDRAISING CONCERT for  
THE DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE  
LOURDES VOLUNTEERS

This concert is to raise funds for the  
volunteer helpers who assist the pilgrims  
of Waterford & Lismore during their time  
in Lourdes

Venue: The Chapel, SETU , College Street  
Campus, Waterford

Date: Thursday 20th of February, 7.30pm  
Soul Song Gospel Choir, Linda Gough,  
Caroline Reid O'Brien, Waterford High  
Hopes Choir Collection at the Interval

A BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

will take place at Woodlands Hotel  
Waterford on the 17th, 18th & 19th of  
February and also on the 24th, 25th 26th  
and 27th of February from 3.45pm to  
8.00pm. Check your eligibility and book  
your appointment at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or call  
1800 222 111. Thank you.