

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.

PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

Almighty God
We pray for compassion and humility
in our hearts.
Let us be kind, gentle, generous, loving,
giving and forgiving, wherever we may go.
Allow pride to never get the best of us,
as you fulfil our dreams.
Help us never to be boastful, against our
brothers and sisters.
Let humility be in our souls.
Amen.



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MARY BUTLER (MM)
TAYLOR REGAN (MM)
MICK CHESTER
JOE BRIGGS
BILLY BRIGGS
JOHN (MOBY) KINSELLA
His wife ELIZABETH
& SONS & SON IN LAW
TERRY CLARKE
NOREEN POWER
MICHAEL DWYER
TOMMY & PADDY McLAWRENCE
MATT SHANAHAN
NOEL FLYNN
MARGARET FITZGERALD
ANNA BARRY
ROSS GRANT
PATRICK WALSH
ANGELA ALLEN (BR)
BRIDIE ENGLISH (BR)
EDDIE & PADDY O'NEILL
DEEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CAWLEY & BURKE FAMILIES
MICHAEL STENSON
SEAN LYNAGH
MARY COLLINS
STEPHEN COLILNS (BR)
MARY ELLEN KINSELLA

BUTLERSTOWN

AILEEN ROBERTS
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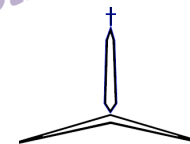
May They Rest in Peace



PRAYER

God of surprises,
you are there beyond
in the midst of life,
always there to take us
by surprise and delight us with
your presence.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



23rd of February 2025 - SEVENTH 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.

Walk in the Shoes of the Other

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says '*Be compassionate like him.*'

Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus.

We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same.

The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Lauditio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank God (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of God. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We must care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope Francis's central themes on care of creation. **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/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: €2,058

THANK YOU

**NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS
TROCAIRE BOXES**

If you are available and willing to deliver
Trocaire Boxes in your usual areas, they can
be collected from Butlerstown Church after
Masses and from the Parish Office from
Tuesday next 25th of February.

MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

Will take place on Wednesday next, 26th of
February at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel, Mount Sion, Barrack Street.
7.00pm Rosary followed by Holy Mass
All are welcome

A BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

will take place at Woodlands Hotel
Waterford 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 or call 1800
222 111. Thank you.

**A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
OPENING THE BIBLE GETTING STARTED**

An Introductory Course for those who wish
to know more and those unsure where to
begin. 6 Presentations covering aspects of the
New and Old Testament
Thursday evenings beginning 27th of
February - Upstairs at the Parish Centre,
St. Joseph & Benildus Church from 7.30 to
8.30pm. All welcome.

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH—MASS ST . PAUL'S
St Pauls Parish Choir will be accompanied by
the City of Waterford Brass, and the
Clonakilty Brass Band on Sunday the 2nd of
March for the 11:30 a.m. Mass, under the
direction of Julie Quinlan.

*walk with me for a while, my
friend—you in my shoes, I in yours—
and then let us talk,"*

POWER AND GRACE ZOOM SERIES

Tuesday 25th Feb, 4th & 11th March. Join us
to watch a short video followed by
discussion and prayer. 8pm - 9.30pm. Join
for one night or for all four. Register to
receive the zoom link. Age 18+. Email
waterford@ascjus.org or text Sr. Kathryn:
+353 87 404 2784

**"PILGRIMS OF HOPE": PRAYER SPACES
EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING SESSION
Wednesday 12th March.**

Open from 12 noon - 6pm for personal
prayer - drop in for as long or as short a time
as you'd like. Training Session with Emma
Thompson, Prayer Spaces in Schools Ireland
from 7.15pm - 8.45pm. St John's Pastoral
Centre, John's Hill, Waterford X91 HW9D
Ideal for Teachers, Faith Reps, Clergy &
Religious, Parish Pastoral Councils and
Volunteers at Parish Level.

'DO I HAVE A HEART?'

Whenever a person thinks, questions and
reflects on his or her true identity, strives to
understand the deeper questions of life and
to seek God, or experiences the thrill of
catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the
realization that our fulfilment as human
beings is found in love. In loving, we sense
that we come to know the purpose and goal
of our existence in this world. Everything
comes together in a state of coherence and
harmony. It follows that, in contemplating
the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most
decisive question we can ask is, 'Do I have a
heart?'

Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos,

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

FORGIVE...

The ultimate call from Jesus is: 'Do unto
others as you would have them do to you.'
Today Jesus is calling us to examine ourselves
and ask: Do I do unto others as I would like
them to do unto me?

Most likely, each one of us has been
wounded, betrayed or rejected at differing
times in our lives. If this person was a friend,
this wounding typically is amplified since we
trusted this individual. However, each one of
us also has wounded or betrayed individuals
in our life. It is all part of our human
condition.

When Jesus instructs us to love our enemies,
he does not mean that this person should
become one of my best friends. Jesus
understands that forgiving is first a decision.
However, it also is a process. The path to
forgiveness may take a long time, and
understandably so.

However, we have to choose to take the first
step. No one can force us to take this step; we
are the only ones who can make this
decision. And in reality, it may take a long
time before we are ready and willing to begin
the process of forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't ask for miracles nor does he
want 'play' forgiveness. He continually
invites us not only to free the individual who
wounded us, but also to free ourselves from
the pain, anger and hurt that binds us. Jesus
is patient and yet persistent. He continually
invites us and calls us to forgive. Perhaps
today we can take one small step in this
direction.

Sister Kristina Anne Harpenau OSB