PARISH INFORMATION

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LIVE STREAMING

Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <u>https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s</u> and <u>https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown</u> 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, take my hand firmly

in your grasp today And allow me to walk forward in confidence, Knowing that you are with me every step of the way. When difficulties arise, I ask you to carry me through with faith, hope and love in my heart.

Amen



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>ST. PAUL'S</u>

JOHANNA TAHENY (MM) TONY DUFFY PADDY & EDE MILLS MICHAEL FITZGERALD ELLA HALLAHAN CATHERINE (KITTY) POWER (MM) ELIZABETH (BETTY) RYAN JOHN HODGE THE WALSH FAMILY **IOSEPH DOHERTY** BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN (Birthday Remembrance) PATRICK FLYNN CATHERINE TERRY JOAN CROKE FRANKIE CROWLEY MARIA WALL

May They Rest in Peace



Christ's Cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. It is the sign of the hope that does not disappoint. and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's saving Plan.

Pope Francis.



2nd of March 2025 - EIGHT 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.'

GOODNESS INSIDE

The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves.

A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the '*store of badness*'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many ways

- \sim a good conversation with a loved one,
- \sim time spent with an infant in wonder of how and what this child is
 - and will be
- ~ listening to some good music and admiring good art,
- \sim taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel,
- \sim finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness when we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself.

We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.



Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.

We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same. *Donal Neary S.J.*

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! <u>https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/</u>

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE To read our Newsletter and for all Parish News and Information <u>https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/</u>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION ST. PAUL'S CHURCH : €1,841 THANK YOU



Lent begins on Ash, Wednesday 5th of March. Ashes will be distributed at Masses as follows:

9.00amMass in Butlerstown Church8 & 10.00amMass in St. Paul's Church

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN

St. Paul's Church

Ash Wednesday: Mass at 8am & 10.00am

Additional Mass: At 8am each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm each Thursday evening

Butlerstown Church

Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9am

Mass each Friday at 10.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Fridays



Lord, encourage us to enter the space of this Lenten time,

Draw us into the desert of our own lives Where you alone can take away our fears And give us passion and energy for the journey of life. Continue to keep us safe. Renew us in hope. Amen.

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, St Paul's

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH-11.30 Mass

St Pauls Parish Choir will be accompanied by the City of Waterford Brass, and the Clonakilty Brass Band this Sunday the 2nd of March for the 11:30a.m. Mass, under the direction of Julie Quinlan.

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

MEETING will take place in the Parish Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday next 4th March. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Every Thursday during Lent, beginning on Thursday 6th of March, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. You are welcome to join us in prayer during this Holy Season.

VOICES OF RESILIENCE: REMEMBERING WATERFORD'S TRANSPORTED WOMEN -

Saturday 8th March from 8pm - 9pm at the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street. Celebrate International Women's Day through music, poetry, storytelling & candlelight. Featuring the Island of Ireland Peace Choir, poetry readings by Shirley O'Shea, convict stories and a small display of bonnets - each one symbolising the history of a Waterford convict woman.

Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter. Let Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do. *Pope Francis*



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

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

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE": PRAYER SPACES EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING SESSION

Wednesday 12th March.

Open from 12 noon - 6pm for personal prayer 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.