

## 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.

God our Father,  
our source of life,  
you know our weakness.  
May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand  
and walk more readily in your ways.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
  
Amen



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

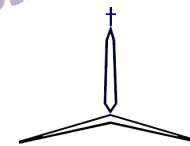
MARTIN MITCHELL (MM)  
MARTIN (SONNY) KENNEDY  
DAITHI KIMBER  
ALICE O'SHEA  
EDGAR & NELLIE EVANS,  
Their daughter KATHLEEN,  
Son EDGAR & daughter in law  
ELZABETH  
MARIE FOX  
PAULINE SMITS nee GLEESON  
PAULINE FANNING  
NETTA O'CONNOR nee KENNEDY  
MARY & MICHAEL GRANT  
& their son PAUL  
JIM & JOHN TRACEY  
MATTIE DALY  
BRIDGET & EDMOND BURKE  
TIM McENERY JNR  
ANTHONY, ALISON & GERARD  
McENERY  
BRIDGET KENNEDY  
ALICE & ELLEN McLAWRENCE  
JIMMY & STATIA HODGERS



*Recall a time you felt  
resentful about doing what  
you ought to do.  
How did you feel after  
doing it?  
Lord, may everything I do  
begin with you and be  
happily ended in love.  
  
Amen.*



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



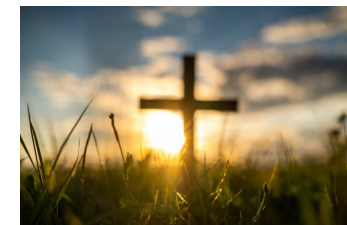
23rd of March 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.'

## REAL REPENTANCE

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: 'The un-examined life is not worth living.' The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.



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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: €2,227

THANK YOU



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

### St. Paul's Church

Mass at 8am and 10am each weekday  
morning.

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm each  
Thursday evening

### Butlerstown Church

Mass each Friday at 10.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after  
Mass on Fridays

LENTEN PRAYER

*Lord Jesus,*

You came among us to show  
us how to live life to the full  
and to prepare for that work you went  
into the desert for forty days.

During this season of Lent, help us to set  
aside time to reflect on what it means for  
us to live life to the full.

Help us to see ourselves as we are and not  
to be afraid to make changes

Help us to be generous and open to your  
Spirit who prompts us  
to do the right thing

Help us to look at the big picture and to  
know that each of us has a part to play in  
making the world a better place

Lead us along the path to Easter  
and a true understanding of the depth of  
your love. Amen



MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

Wednesday next 26th of March in the  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mount Sion,  
Barrack Street.

Rosary 7pm, Holy Mass at 7.30pm  
Medugorje Choir. All are welcome

LIVING WITH HOPE: A JUBILEE YEAR  
TALK BY ELMA WALSH

Talk by Elma Walsh, Mother of the late  
Donal Walsh and founder of #LiveLife  
Foundation. Thursday 27th March at  
7.30pm in St John's Pastoral Centre, John's  
Hill, Waterford. All welcome.

ENLIGHTEN (BIBLE FOR YOUNG ADULTS)

Lectio Divina for Young Adults (18 - 35)  
with the Sisters of Mary Morning Star.  
Friday 28th March at 8pm in the Friary  
(Chapel), Lady Lane, Waterford . More info:  
[www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry)

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF BUTLERSTOWN  
GAA JUVENILE TEAMS will take place at

The Holy Cross Bar & Restaurant on Friday  
28th March starting time 8.30pm. Teams of  
4 €10 per person. To book whatsapp  
353879488705

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

Each Thursday during Lent from 3.15pm to  
4.15pm. You are welcome to join us in  
prayer during this Holy Season.

ST. IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR  
MEN - Friday May 2nd to Monday May 5th  
in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan,  
Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all  
meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 -  
348 2148 or [iveireland@ive.org](mailto:iveireland@ive.org)"

THE PARISH - ST. PAUL'S, LISDUGGAN

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

*At Lent, we should try the key  
to our heart's door,*

*It may have gathered rust.*

*If so, this is the time to oil it,  
in order that the heart's door may open more  
easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at  
Easter time!*

*Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door,  
that they may swing gently and easily  
to welcome your coming.*

*Diocese of Ossory Lent Resources*

*The Christian is not just to do certain things:  
he is to be a certain kind of person.*

*It is not enough  
to go through the outward motions of virtue,  
for it is the inmost state of the soul  
that matters in God's eyes.*

*Helen Oppenheimer*

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF  
THE GOSPELS Luke 13:1-91

Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune  
is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious  
illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call  
about how we live our lives. How have such  
experiences given you a greater appreciation  
of the value of your life and relationships,  
and of the time and opportunities at your  
disposal? 'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that'.  
Have you ever said that and then found the  
chance is gone the next day?

Perhaps there have been times when you saw  
yourself like the tree in the parable - useless,  
merely a waste of space. Think of friends  
who came to you at such a time, people who  
saw your potential and were prepared to give  
you another chance, people who also dug the  
soil around you and gave you the help you  
needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you  
have been able to do this for others.

John Byrne OSA