

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)  
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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.

## A PRAYER FOR LENTEN SIMPLICITY

Free me, Lord from anything that obstructs my way to you.  
Clear away the clutter of grudges.  
Remove resentment and bitterness.  
Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy or self-pity.  
Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.  
Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognise the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. Amen.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

THOMAS DUNPHY  
DANIEL MURPHY  
ROSALINE GREY nee GALVIN  
& her mother CATHERINE GALVIN  
MARTIN HODGERS  
DAVID SCANLON  
PADDY MADIGAN (MM)  
ANGELA KELLY (MM)  
PEGGY O'TOOLE  
GILLIAN FITZGERALD  
MAURICE & MARGARET CORCORAN  
MICHAEL FLYNN  
MICHAEL REA  
MARIA LINNANE  
THE O'BRIEN FAMILY  
PATRICK (FAD) WALSH  
KATHLEEN & MARY BYRNE  
TRACY WALSH  
JIMMY HODGERS (Birthday Rem)  
FRANKIE WATERS

### BUTLERSTOWN

JOSEPHINE FITZGERALD  
PEGGY McGUIRE

May They Rest in Peace



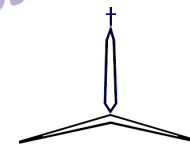
*Good and gracious God, You have made us to be like you, to live and love in the Spirit of Jesus your Son.*

*May we grow to be open and generous in our giving to others.*

*And gracious and grateful in what we receive and for all who give to us.*



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



30th of March 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

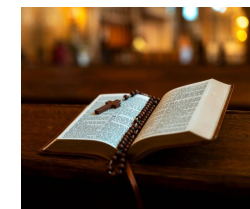
*St Paul's Parish is in St. Otteran's Pastoral Area with the parishes of Ballybricken, Holy Family, St. Saviour's, Butlerstown, Dunhill & Fenor, Tramore & Carbally.'*

## TWO JOURNEYS (Luke 15:1-3;11-32)

It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son. One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting what he finds there.

The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger. In Lent the focus is usually on the long return home, but it might well be that for many of us the real challenge is to recognise in ourselves the desire to limit God's mercy to those we consider worthy. Such a mindset may still keep us away from our true home with the Father.

What Paul is saying about reconciliation is explained in the gospel for today, not by concepts or ideas, but in the story of the Prodigal Son. If the season of Lent were to come and go without us giving time to thinking about reconciliation, then something would indeed be missing.



It would be tragic if we came to Easter without being moved by the overwhelming compassion of our God who seeks out the lost and celebrates our return to him. It would also be tragic if we were to forget that if we welcome God's forgiveness for ourselves then we automatically become ambassadors of that forgiveness to others. We must be careful not to end up like the older brother who is resentful of God's generosity to the undeserving.

*Sean Goan*

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

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of Check it out!

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH: €1,846

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

### THE JOURNEY

Life may be compared to a journey and along  
the way we learn from others who have gone  
ahead of us and whose experience can speak  
to us.

We also learn from those who walk with us,  
sharing the road.

As people of faith we trust that we are not  
alone on this journey and that, in fact, our  
closest companion is Jesus, who has not only  
gone ahead of us but also still walks with us.

For many centuries now people have  
meditated on the last journey that Jesus made  
and from that they have learned much about  
him and about themselves. They feel  
encouraged to go on, to continue even when  
things are difficult and darkness threatens to  
drag them down. Jesus, the great teacher,  
gives remarkable lessons on courage and  
commitment, love and compassion,  
generosity and hope.

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT  
MEETING will take place on Tuesday next,  
1st April at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.  
All are welcome to come and join us.

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 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

FRANK DUFF (FOUNDER OF THE LEGION  
OF MARY) SERVANT OF GOD  
A TALK BY FR. MICHAEL KENNEDY PP  
Thursday 3rd of April from 7.15pm in  
The Jim Grant Room, St. John's Church  
Parnell Street. All Welcome.

ST. PAUL'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TABLE  
QUIZ on Tuesday 29th of April at 8pm in  
St. Paul's Parish Centre. Teams of 4 €20  
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.  
Tea/Coffee All are welcome.

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE AT  
HOME WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS? A  
spouse, partner, child, close relative or  
neighbour? Then you are a family carer!  
Become a member of Family Carers Ireland,  
the national charity supporting Ireland's  
500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact  
057 93 70221 and hear how we can support  
you for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

ACT JUSTLY...

LOVE TENDERLY..WALK HUMBLY

Lent coincides with the arrival of spring,  
the lengthening of days and the appearance  
of crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils. They  
have all refused to give in to the weight of  
snow, the sharpness of the frost and the lack  
of light. They just grow despite everything.

Lent is an invitation to us to do something  
similar. It's an invitation to grow, to  
recognize that when all is said and done we  
are spiritual people and that we need to pay  
attention to that. What it means to be  
spiritual is beautifully summed up by the  
prophet Micah when he reminded people  
that God only asks three things of us  
"... act justly, love tenderly and walk  
humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

So if we want something to do for Lent there  
we have it:

**Act Justly** – reflect on the injustice around us  
and do something to change it.

**Love Tenderly** – forget myself and reach out  
to those in need

**Walk Humbly** – take time to pray, make a  
space for God and the Good News in our  
busy lives.

**'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when  
his light illuminates the dark moments of our  
existence, and we are able share it with  
others; when we know when to smile with  
those who smile, and weep with those who  
weep; when we accompany those who are sad  
and at risk of losing hope; when we recount  
our experience of faith to those who are  
searching for meaning and happiness... and  
there – with our attitude, with our witness,  
with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our  
soul.'** (Pope Francis)