

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.

*Stay with us, Lord,
along the journey,
and help us
to discover you each day
in the breaking and sharing
of the Word
and the Bread.*



Faith means that you have peace
even when you don't have
all the answers.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

CHRISTOPHER GRANT (MM)
HARRY SHERIDAN
EDWARD & FRANCIS GLYNN
DAVEY FLYNN
PATSY FLYNN
TOM McGRATH
PADDY GRANT (Birthday Rem)
WILLIAM GRANT
THOMAS QUINN (Birthday Rem)
ANNIE THORNTON
PATRICIA WALL
MARY FORAN
KATHLEEN FLYNN
MICHAEL MORGAN (Snr) (BR)
DENIS GALIBERT

BUTLERSTOWN

MARY SHANAHAN
JAMES POWER (Gaulstown)

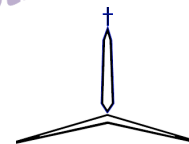
May They Rest in Peace



God our Father,
you are a God
not of the dead
but the God
of the living.
Raise us up and make us walk
forward
in joy and hope
as companions on the road
of him whom you raised
from the dead,
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord
for ever. Amen.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



27th of April 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. '

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today's Gospel presents us with the one disciple who is named: Thomas. In his hesitation and his efforts to understand, this disciple, albeit somewhat stubborn, is a bit like us and we find him likeable. Without knowing it, he gives us a great gift: he brings us closer to God, because God does not hide from those who seek him. Jesus shows Thomas his wounds; he makes him touch with his hand the infinite tenderness of God, the vivid signs of how much he suffered out of love for humanity.

For us who are disciples, it is important to put our humanity in contact with the flesh of the Lord, to bring to him, with complete trust and utter sincerity, our whole being. As Jesus told Saint Faustina, he is happy when we tell him everything: he is not bored with our lives, which he already knows; he waits for us to tell him even about the events of our day (cf. Diary, 6 September 1937). That is the way to seek God: through prayer that is transparent and unafraid to hand over to him our troubles, our struggles and our resistance. Jesus' heart is won over by sincere openness, by hearts capable of acknowledging and grieving over their weakness, yet trusting that precisely there God's mercy will be active.

What does Jesus ask of us? He desires hearts that are truly consecrated, hearts that draw life from his forgiveness in order to pour it out with compassion on our brothers and sisters. Jesus wants hearts that are open and tender towards the weak, never hearts that are hardened.

Pope Francis, Poland 2016

“Whenever we take a
step towards Jesus,
we come to realize
that He is already
there, waiting for us
with open arms.”

POPE FRANCIS
1936 – 2025

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/butlerstown>

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/>

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DONATIONS If you wish to make a
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Butlerstown please click the
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<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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

MEDUGORJE HEALING MASS

Will take place on Wednesday next 30th of
April in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel,
Mount Sion, Barrack Street.
Rosary 7pm, Holy Mass at 7.30pm
Celebrant Fr. Francis
Medugorje Choir. All are welcome

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at
2.30pm. Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer at
3pm. , Reconciliation, Holy Mass, Blessing
with Relic. Chief Celebrant: Fr. Dawit
Music by Music Ministry.

OPENING THE BIBLE

An Introductory Course for Beginners who
would like to learn more about the Bible.
Tarsus Scripture School Presents: Six Videos
online at www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie or
join us to view and discuss together. First
weekly session in the Power Room, Edmond
Rice Centre, Barrack Street on Monday 28th
April 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 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.

**ECOLOGY OF THE SUIR ESTUARY
A PRESENTATION BY DR. EDDY
FITZGERALD** - Dr. Eddy Fitzgerald presents
a talk entitled the Ecology of the Suir
Estuary, in the Fr. Rufus Halley Hall
Butlerstown on Wednesday 30th of April at
7.30pm. Refreshments will be served. All
are welcome.

WATERFORD DARKNESS INTO LIGHT
5k walk takes place on Saturday 10th May at
4.15 am. At the RSC on the Cork road. Car
parks available around the RSC and will be
marshalled. Refreshments available after the
walk in the RSC

Help us raise funds to provide free
professional counselling to those
experiencing suicidal ideation. Proceeds go to
fund Pieta South East on the Waterside.
Please register at darknessintolight.ie

Words of Pope Francis

*When we bring peace to
someone who is suffering
physically
or spiritually,
when we spend some time
listening, being present, or
consoling someone, we
encounter Jesus who repeats
to us through the eyes of all
those who are weighed down by the trials of
life: 'Peace be with you!'
(Irish Catholic Bishops Conference)*

*"A touch of mercy transforms everything.
It is the most profound feeling we can have:
It alters the world."
(First Angelus prayer, March 17, 2013)*

*"Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of
God at every moment of our lives, in every
person and in every situation."
(Cuba/U.S. Visit, 2015)*

*"Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces
of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our
neighbours, in the faces of those at our side."*

*"Everyone has experienced some degree of
despair that "makes us feel as if our soul were
crushed," unable to breathe and perhaps even
eager for death, Pope Francis said.*

*"We have to understand when our spirit is in
this state of extended sadness, where there is
almost no air. This happens to all of us" to some
degree, he said.*

*So then what should people do when they go
through "these dark moments because of a
family tragedy, an illness, something that
brings me down?" he asked.*

*In times of hopeless, spiritual despair, he said,
the answer is to pray hard, just like Job, who
cried out day and night for God to listen.*



GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 20 19-31

The risen Jesus
penetrates the
disciples' defences,
overcomes their fears,
and brings them joy. I

ask him to pass through all my security
systems and liberate me from whatever
prevents me from 'having life and having it
in all its fullness'.

Thomas was a modern man, finding faith
hard, like many people today. He was let
down by the others who ran away, the leader
denied Jesus, his trust in the group of apostles
had been abused. He didn't want much more
to do with them. He had gotten tired of it all.
He wanted to believe but needed a sort of
proof. But faith grows within a community.
That's why we baptise children because faith
grows from the beginning of life. We find
growth in our faith through the community –
for example, in the Mass, shared rosary,
sharing our faith in a group, a good spiritual
book, sharing our doubts but never closing
the door to Jesus, sharing our faith in thanks
for what our faith gives us.

In community, the disciples found faith in
the risen Christ. Thomas, for some reason,
was not with them when the Lord came.
Separated from the community, he found
faith more difficult. Faith in the Lord, while
personal, is not a private affair. In the faith of
one, the faith of another may be
strengthened. Formation in faith for the
disciples had its communal experience –
together they learned and found faith in the
Lord.

sacredspace.com

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