#### 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, give us the certainly that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



# ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHRISTY GLYNN (Months Mind) JOHN BUTLER (Birthday Rem) SEAN BARRY JAMES & AGNES POWER & deceased Family Members PEGGY MURPHY BREDA POWER (Birthday Rem) MAURA QUILTY BILL O'MEARA KITTY & JOHN O'MEARA JIMMY QUILTY KATHLEEN & JAMES COSTELLOO MAUREEN DOWER (Birthday Rem) CATHERINE O'BRIEN (Birthday Rem)

May They Rest in Peace



May God bless us with his mercy, strengthen us with his love, and enable us to walk with courage, hope and faith in ourselves and in Him





6th of April 2025 - FIFTH 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.'

# More Than Forgiveness John 8:1-11

This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind.

Jesus offers more than forgiveness - he brings mercy. Mercy forgives with compassion and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated.

Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: Anyone here without sin - take the stone and throw it. Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would light of mercy come into their darkness of condemnation? Would they leave their darkness into a personal space where they might have a change of heart?

This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to takes steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear

this word from Jesus - I do not condemn you. This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves.



**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>

# 😳 DONATE

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 <u>https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/</u>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION ST. PAUL'S CHURCH : €2,108 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 after Mass at 10.30am each Thursday morning.

**Butlerstown Church** 

Mass each Friday at 10.00am

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Fridays



Today we read one of the most moving passages in the whole of the gospels: a woman, a wife who had been caught committing adultery is brought before Jesus so that he can be tested to see if he will 'do the right thing' and say she should be stoned. Jesus asks for the man who is not a sinner among the accusers to begin the stoning, and the group melts away one by one. Jesus does not condemn the woman for her conduct, but challenges her to begin life afresh.

This is the challenge Jesus puts to us each Lent: begin life afresh and let others begin life afresh after they have hurt us. We all need to reflect that we are all sinners, that we are in need of mercy, and that we all need to make fresh starts.

# EASTER DELIVERIES—NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS

We would appreciate you help with the Easter Delivery in your usual areas if you are available.

**Butlerstown Delivery** can be collected from the Sacristy in Butlerstown from Friday 11th April.

**St. Paul's Delivery** can be collected from the Parish Centre from Thursday 10th of April.

Thank you for your help.

### 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. 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 <u>www.familycarers.ie</u>.

# FRASSATI CAMINO FOR YOUNG ADULTS (ST DECLAN'S WAY)

For young adults (18 - 35) from the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore and Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly. July 31st - 4th August. *Cost: €275.* More info on

www.waterfordlismore.ie/frassati-camino

## THE 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**STROKE**, organised by the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group, will take place on Monday April 28th, at the Cashel Palace Hotel, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. The Conference will run on the day from 9.30am to 1.30pm, and will provide information on a range of topics. These include aphasia (difficulties with language post stroke), brain injury, rehabilitation, therapy and recovery, support for family and carers, risks and prevention, and medical advances in the treatment of stroke. All are welcome to attend but must register on Eventbrite. Please search online for National Stroke Conference 2025 - Cashel, Co. Tipperary or the following link; <u>https://</u> www.eventbrite.ie/e/national-strokeconference-2025-cashel-co-tipperary-tickets-1266983464649

### AS YOU GO TO MASS ...

As you go to Mass, be conscious of those going into the church alongside you, each with their own needs, hopes and struggles.

Remember that we go to God together.... reach out with a smile or a greeting to those you meet.

Take part in the Mass, pray in every fibre of

your being, pray aloud, pray in gesture, pray in the silence,



pray in the communal prayers, pray in your standing and in your sitting. Lord, let me participate in the Mass with all my heart, in my words and my actions as I give thanks with my sisters and brothers for the gift of you, your life and your hope, to us.