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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.

PRAYER AFTER EASTER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it,

the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

NICKY BRENNAN EDDIE BRETT SARAH STACEY nee CARROLL PATSY FLYNN JIMMY KENNEDY PADDY REIDY (Months Mind) MAISIE, BILLY & KATHLEEN SHANAHAN. JENNIFER (JENNY) SULLIVAN CATHERINE COLLINS ALICE SASSANI nee POWER (BR) ALICE DALY PADDY POWER THOMAS QUINN MAURA MURPHY nee FARRELL (Months Mind)

> BUTLERSTOWN JOHN KELLY (Ballycashin) May They Rest in Peace



REFLECTION

When I was young, when one needed help the neighbours rallied round;

gathering hay with rain pending, or at thrashings drawing sheaves and feeding them into the machine, or bagging the grain for storage.

Stout, tea and cakes were passed around during breaks in the work.

We came to see, as the poet says, that no man is an island. Let us rediscover that today too.



4th of MAY 2025 - THIRD 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.'

Tired Disciples John 21:1-19

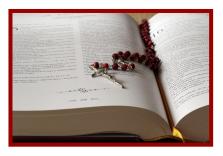
Jesus spent time lighting the fire so he could cook breakfast on the seashore. This reminds me of my mother getting the fire ready in the old days so we could make toast with red embers on the long toasting fork. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. No big apparitions in the sky, but just the simple act in the dawn of cooking bread and fish.

The meal was for tired disciples. Often in the gospel stories he talked about people preparing meals and serving them. He seemed to say a lot through meals and at meals.

In cooking for people love is active. A mother might count up sometime how many meals she has cooked, and call them hours of love. This too is the mission and identity of Jesus.

After death and resurrection comes the Spirit of love. Love given, love received and love shared.

Donal Neary S.J.



BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES MONDAY 5TH OF MAY

Mass in St. Paul's Church at 10.30am.

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/



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

ST. PAUL'S PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND €2,178 THANK YOU

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

MEETING will take place on Tuesday 6th of May at 10.30am in St Paul's Parish Centre. All are very welcome to join us .

WATERFORD DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5k walk takes place on Saturday 10th May at 4.15 am. at the RSC on the Cork road.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Our next collection in St. Paul's will be on the 10th/11th of May. Thank you for your continued support

LISMORE PARK, LAWN & HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A.G. M will take place on Monday 19th of May at 8.15pm in St. Paul's Parish Meeting Rooms (between the Credit Union and St Paul's National School)

VACANCY: MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT ST PAUL'S PARISH, LISDUGGAN COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Duties: Grass Cutting, Painting & Decorating, Interior & Exterior Cleaning, Waste Disposal, Building Maintenance. Contract type: Temporary Employer Name: Compact Community CLG Hours: 19.5 hours per week.

Wages : Community employment Rates Vacancy Ref: CES 2389139 Contact Georgina Kiely Power 051 875847 email:

georginakielypower@compactcommunity.ie

YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL John 21:1-19

The disciples spend a fruitless night, fishing and catching nothing. Things change dramatically when lesus appears and invites



Jesus appears and invites them to try again. Remember those who came to you and encouraged you to try again when you felt discouraged. Perhaps on some of these occasions the results were beyond your expectations.

After his denials during the passion, Peter is given the chance to be fully reconciled with his Master. Remember those who have given you an opportunity for reconciliation after you had hurt them or let them down. What was it like for you to be given this chance? To whom have you offered the possibility of reconciliation?

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me, That you are my Mother and my protector. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to aid me in my need.

(Mention your intention here, if desired.) ROSARY RALLY

Join us in a public square rosary rally for the conversion of Ireland . This is one of 570 such Rosary Rallies across the country today, Saturday 10th of May at 4.00pm at Belvedere Grotto, Paddy Brown's Road

Lord when things go badly wrong on us we so often resort to the familiar. We have a daily groove where we feel happy and where the world can be kept at bay. No wonder after Golgotha that Peter and his friends took to fishing. The wind and sound of the waves, the sea breeze and the paying out of ropes and net all had a calming and centering effect. Perhaps there was a craving to return to the past, to live as if nothing had occurred. Lord I know that feeling so well. The dawn arose and with the light came the Master. He asked them questions but it was only when he suggested they cast again that something stirred the memory and heart of John. 'It is the Master' And then there was Easter breakfast on the shore. In feeding them the Master could then ask that they and we in turn reach out to feed others. Feed my sheep.

Lord urge us see your face in those who come with out-held hands or needy hearts. In our turn let us be your broken bread given for many. Fr Declan O'Loughlin



Lord, we thank you for people who have forgiven us, not a mean, calculating forgiveness, not harping on the ways in which we wronged them, but forgiving with the forgiveness of Jesus, so that it was like coming back from a hard night's work, and seeing some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it and the very person we had hurt saying, 'Come and have breakfast.' And we not having to ask any questions because we knew that everything was forgiven.' -Michel de Verteuil