

## PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

## PRAYER FOR GOING ON HOLIDAY

Heavenly Father,  
Please bless our holiday time.  
Help our family to have patience and understanding.  
Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together.  
Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace.  
Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Guideposts.org*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

JACK & NELLIE O'SULLIVAN  
JORDAN LONERGAN  
( Birthday Rem & Anniv)  
NOEL HEARNE  
TOM CONNOLLY  
KELLIE COLLINS (Birthday Rem)  
NICOLAS, JOHN & TREVOR GRIFFIN  
NOEL GRIFFIN  
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN & JOSEPHINE  
HEFFERNAN & their son MICHEL  
EDDIE O'CONNOR  
MARY RUSSELL  
PAT McFDONNELL  
PATRICIA O'BRIEN

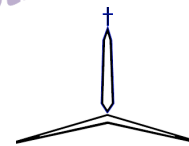
May They Rest in Peace



*For friendship  
and love,  
Especially when I find it in  
unexpected places and  
people, I thank you, Lord.*



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



20th of July 2025 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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. '*

## God's footprints (Luke 10:38-42)

The half door on the old Irish houses had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

The Indian poet Tagore writes - '*and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.*'

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. '*Self knows that self is not enough*' writes the poet, **Brendan Kennelly**.



Donal Neary SJ

**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

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in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore ...Go  
to the web address below for the current  
issue of Check it out!  
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donation to Parishes of St. Paul's &  
Butlerstown please click the  
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**To read our Newsletter and for all Parish  
News and Information**  
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

**CHURCH COLLECTION**  
**ST. PAUL'S**      **€1,956**  
**THANK YOU**

## CEMETERY MASSES

**Our Cemetery Masses will take place as  
follows:**

**31ST JULY- LISNAKILL                      7.00 P.M.**

**24TH AUGUST- TEMPLAR'S CEMETERY 3PM**



May you be held by the God of compassion  
as you remember your loved ones today.

May God be with you in your sorrow,  
and comfort you in your loss.

May God, your family and your friends,  
give you strength and confidence.

May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be  
filled with peace and may the light of God's  
promise fill you with joy and hope.

Amen.

**GROTTO ROSARY AT THE LOURDES  
GROTTO, BELVEDERE**

will take place every Monday, Wednesday &  
Friday at 6.30pm for the months of May  
through to September. All are welcome to  
join us to pray for world peace.

## WASTE SOME TIME

Martha and Mary can teach us something  
about recognising the Christ among us.  
They remind us that sometimes we need to  
'waste' some time just being attentive,  
listening prayerfully to his words.

## REFLECTION LUKE 10:38-42

Most people on hearing that gospel feel some  
sympathy for Martha. There she is working  
hard in the service of Jesus and Jesus declares  
that Mary has chosen the better part.  
'Poor old Martha' would be a fairly common  
response.

Jesus is clearly not opposed in principle to  
people working hard in his service, in the  
service of others. The immediately preceding  
passage in Luke's gospel is the parable of the  
Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was very active  
on behalf of the injured man by the roadside;  
Jesus points to him as someone who exemplifies  
his own compassionate love. Yet, as the book of  
Ecclesiastes says, 'there is a time for every  
matter under heaven'. Apparently, Jesus  
understood that his visit to the home of the two  
sisters was a time for them to refrain from  
activity so as to listen to his word.

Jesus had something to say and he wanted them  
to listen. It was Mary who recognized that this  
was the kind of hospitality Jesus wanted on this  
occasion, the hospitality of listening rather than  
the hospitality of activity. Mary was more  
attuned to what the Lord really wanted than  
Martha was. Yes, the Lord wants us to work on  
his behalf, but he also wants us to listen to him.  
Wisdom consists in knowing when it is time to  
be active and busy in the Lord's service and  
when it is time simply to sit and listen to his  
word.

Fr Martin Hogan

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we  
are bogged down in the craziness around us,  
we can sit and listen to Him.  
Then we may be better.

## HOSPITALITY

Many people misunderstand hospitality.  
They worry and fret about decorating the  
house and preparing abundant food. Yet  
sometimes it is something else that is  
needed to make people feel at home,  
namely, to sit with guests and to listen to  
them speaking.

We can make the same mistake in relation  
to people who are important to us in life:  
children, friends, parents, or others. We  
can worry and fret about doing things for  
them when perhaps the important thing is  
to give them time and to listen to them.

When it comes to welcoming God into  
our lives, one appropriate response is also  
to give time listening to God's word.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Being busy is a sort of cultural value  
among us—and rightly. "If you want  
something done, ask a busy person."  
But, of course, the question of balance  
arises. There are indeed other needs and  
other hungers. These include  
simple human things like time  
for friends. Even hospitality—which is  
always work—can get in the way of  
really meeting. Something similar can  
be said of time for reflection, meditation  
and prayer. Time is not really the  
issue—after all, we manage to find  
time to waste on TV, tablets etc. It is  
more a question of insight, choice and  
decision, lest we overlook and even  
lose "the better part."