

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.

Father of everlasting goodness,
our origin and guide, be close to us
and hear the prayers of all who praise you.
Keep us safe in your love. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

God, guard my family inside and out today.
I cannot be with them every moment
But I know that You are.
Be with them Lord,
guiding them safely and faithfully. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

BRIDGET O'BRIEN (Months Mind)
PATRICK SULLIVAN (Birthday Rem)
BERNIE McGRATH
ELLEN (NELLIE) DUNPHY
ANNE RYAN & DYLAN THOMAS
HANNAH DeCOURSEY
BREDA FINN
MARIA POWER (Months Mind)
MATTY CREED
VINCENT POWELL
ANNE & WILLIAM CONDON
JOHN CROWLEY
BERNIE PURCELL
ANNIE KEATING

BUTLERSTOWN

MICHAEL CORBETT
MARY ROCHE

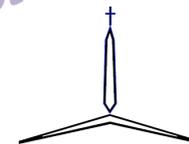
May They Rest in Peace



Prayer of the Bereaved

Lord, at the moment nothing seems to help the loss I feel.
All I know is that
This day, this hour
Moment by moment
I choose to lean on You,
For when I am at my weakest
Your strength is strongest.
I pour out my grief to You
And praise You that on one
glorious day, when all suffering is
extinguished and love has
conquered, we will walk together
again. Amen.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



17th of August, 2025 - TWENTIETH 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.

Disturbing Love and The Warmth of Love (Luke 12:49-53)

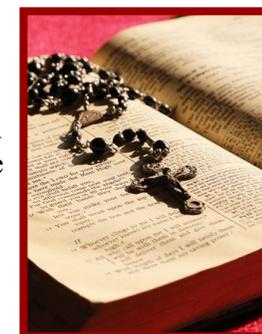
Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming; in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are, and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.

There is also the fire that disturbs; love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.

The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

Donal Neary



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
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<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/>



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News and Information
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

ST PAUL'S CHURCH €2,136

Thank you

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CEMETERY MASS
On Sunday 24th of August at 3.00pm, we are
celebrating Mass in the Knights Templar
Medieval Graveyard

The restoration of this forgotten piece of
Waterford history was taken on as a Parish
Project in 2022 and the graveyard has now
become a tranquil, prayerful place for all to
visit.

There will be a historical tour after Mass.
This Mass is part of St. Saviours Parish 50th
Celebrations. All are very welcome

Directions: Turn into Ballybeg, go left at the
1st Roundabout, follow the road into Lacken
Road Business Park and the Templar's
Cemetery is on the left.

GROTTO ROSARY AT THE LOURDES
GROTTO, BELVEDERE

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



MUSINGS

Summer is a time for space; a time for time.
Daniel O'Leary writes
'We forget to appreciate the value of space
and of spaces. Without the blank margins on
the page before you just now, you could not
read it. If ever we are to hear a story or a song,
there has to be spaces between the letters of a
word, silence between the notes of a melody
...it makes me ask how I'm doing today, why
I'm rushing so much, why I don't stop and
breathe more slowly and just look around me?'
Indeed, it is only in still waters that we can
truly see ourselves.

Salvador Ryan
St Patrick's College, Maynooth

REFLECTION

It's Never Too Late
to Have a Good Day.....

A friend called as I was in the middle of a
difficult day. When he asked, "How's it going?"
I launched into a litany of woes:
malfunctioning alarm clock, spilled juice on a
new white shirt, three empty buses flying by
as I hurried toward my bus stop, and an
important and urgent e-mail inexplicably
bounced back, missing a deadline. I was about
to continue my griping when my friend gently
interrupted: "Well, it's never too late to have a
good day."

At first I wanted to hang up. I was looking for
sympathy, and he offered me a strong dose of
wisdom instead. I wanted to wallow in
victimhood, and he offered me the opportunity
to put my faith into practice.

I knew what he was trying to tell me. He'd
shared his beliefs with me before, both in word
and in example. I'd seen him handle difficulties
with grace and patience and even a touch of
humour.

"How can I do that?" I asked. He said I needed
to stop agonizing and take a few deep breaths.
Then I could ask God for help with whatever
would come my way that day.

Finally, I simply needed to stop looking
backward and instead do the next thing right
in front of me, for that's where God's help
would meet me. I took his advice, and since
then I've become a big believer in these three
steps - :

**Stop agonizing
Ask God for help
Do the next thing right in front of you**

DIVISIONS (Luke 12:49-53)

We all have divisions within us. There are
the desires in us for all the good ideas and
values of Jesus, and desires that go the
opposite. St. Ignatius highlights that
wealth, honour and pride can deflect us off
the path of Jesus. Don't we know this well?

Jesus knew the joy of following through on
what is right and loving, even to death.
This is the call and the joy of the follower
of Jesus. Knowing that we are forgiven for
all by an understanding God, we can push
forward to following as best we can the
Lord of life, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

Heavenly Father,
Please shine your light upon my family.
Give us strength to overcome
all of the difficulties that
we are dealing with now
and protect us against
any and all problems
we may encounter
in the future.

O Lord, please bring us
together as we are meant to be.
May the love that binds
us only grow stronger as we fulfill
the destiny you have laid out for us.
Grant us forgiveness for any sins we
have committed. May we also forgive one
another Lord,
as it is sometimes difficult to do.
Bless us Lord,
In your name I pray, Amen

TEA AND COFFEE and a CHAT in St.
Paul's Parish Centre at 10.30am each
Wednesday morning after Mass. **All very
welcome to come along.**

