

## 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

PATRICK HENDERSON (Months Mind)

TOMMY WALKER

MEMBERS OF ST PAUL'S BRIDGE CLUB

LIVING AND DECEASED

ANN BRENNAN

PAUL SULLIVAN

ANGIE O'SULLIVAN

PADRAIC McKEOWN

CATHERINE FURLONG

LEE SALKELD (Birthday Rem)

SARAH & THOMAS O'HALLORAN

SARAH COLLINGS (Birthday Rem)

May They Rest in Peace

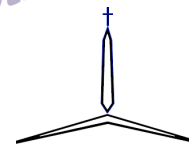


Forgive us Lord for the times  
that we become impatient and angry  
because we feel God is not answering  
our prayer quickly enough and we begin  
to panic instead of trusting that the  
Lord will never let us down.



*Prayer is where we can be  
real before God, wherever  
we find ourselves.  
Prayer means bringing our  
storm-tossed life before the  
Jesus of Calvary,  
Knowing that He will  
support us to bear the Cross  
And come through to  
unimaginable resurrection.*

# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2025 - EIGHTEENTH 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. '

## Rich in whose sight? -- Love not wealth

You can look around a lot and the gospel today makes sense. It points at how we can get caught up in what we own and what people have. It's about possessions and how they take us over- or how we react when we lack what we once had. We enjoy wealth but we have a mixed reaction to it.

Saint Ignatius mentioned three obstacles to our faith -wealth, honour, and pride. He saw from his own experience that people wanted wealth so that they would be highly thought of:

~ it can be the right school, the right address, the right bank, the right job.



We have pride in what we have, but as we know, things can change very quickly ~ Shares go up and down; you may become ill or die.

The battle is between being rich in the sight of the world and/or being rich in the sight of God.

The opposites of these obstacles are simplicity, integrity, and humility. Humility is pride in who we are - children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and accepting ourselves just as we are. We need nothing outside of ourselves to make us feel good about ourselves. This too is simplicity.

What we have is a gift, given to us for the good of the world, not just for the good of ourselves. In the end, what matters is that we are judged on love not on wealth. Or if we have had wealth, we will be judged on what we did with it. Be rich in God - in mercy, love, forgiveness, joy and justice.

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

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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  
<https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/>

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH

22nd JULY €2,017  
29th JULY €2,023

Thank you

## BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Mass on Monday 4th of August will be at  
10.30am in St. Paul's.

**THE CEMETERY MASSE WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT TEMPLAR'S CEMETERY ON  
THE 24TH OF AUGUST AT 3PM**

## 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.

## GOOD DEEDS

In our Western society, we are driven to  
acquire more wealth, more possessions,  
more status.

Today, Jesus reminds us that, when we leave  
all this behind, we will be asked what  
spiritual riches we have accumulated.

Our good deeds are the only thing that will  
outlive us.

We make a living by what we get, but we  
make a life by what we give.  
*Anonymous*

Wealth consists not in having great  
possessions, but in having few wants.  
*Epictetus*

## TAKE A DETOUR ...

We may feel at our most frustrated  
when a barrier stands in our way.

But some of life's most fortuitous outcomes  
are the result of detours.

Welcome the detours.

Often they redirect lives in a profitable way  
you may never have considered.

## PART OF OUR STORE

Today's gospel goes to the heart  
of our Cistercian life. Our  
spiritual ancestors such as Saint  
Anthony of the Desert, St Francis  
and St Benedict adopted lives of  
penance and simplicity when  
they didn't ultimately need to. For many people  
the decisions that these great Saints made was  
weird. They turned away from wealth and  
grandeur and privilege, and embraced the kind  
of life that we live here at Mount St Joseph  
Abbey.

At the centre of our vocation is the desire to  
communicate with our creator. This desire  
transcends the need and desire for temporal  
goods, money and worldly power, and for any  
of the other vacuous trappings of life. The  
decision that these Saints made is not  
necessarily a single decision but had to be  
remade sometimes on a daily basis. This is  
what we call daily conversion. Starting again.  
In other words, getting back up again when we  
fall flat on our faces.

Looking into a bank account full of savings is  
wonderful because we see the result. But  
building a spiritual store house is not so easy.  
We may feel totally useless or incapable, even  
after much effort in the spiritual sphere. But  
the storehouses of Heaven are a mystical place  
and we do not fully understand them. God  
wants us in some ways to experience the full  
range of humanity, and this includes the truth  
of failure, of not being any good. Yet all of this  
is part of our store, part of the gift that God  
gives us towards becoming members of his  
Kingdom.

*Mount St Joseph Abbey  
Order of Cistercians of the strict observance*



## THREE LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE LUKE 12:13-21

**Life is More Than Possessions:** While it's  
not wrong to have wealth or possessions, it  
becomes problematic when they become  
the centre of our lives. Jesus warns against  
all kinds of greed. Our lives do not consist  
of the abundance of our possessions but in  
the depth of our relationships, our  
character, and most importantly, our  
relationship with God.

**The Uncertainty of Tomorrow:** The rich  
man's plans revolved around his  
assumption of many years ahead. Yet, none  
of us truly knows how much time we have  
left. While it's wise to plan for the future,  
it's equally wise to live in the present, with  
gratitude, generosity, and an awareness of  
life's fragility.

**True Wealth is in Relationship with  
God:** The parable ends with a poignant  
question: What value are our earthly  
treasures if we're not rich towards God?  
Material wealth can be fleeting, but a rich  
relationship with God is eternal. It's the  
kind of wealth that feeds the soul, brings  
genuine joy, and has eternal significance.  
Today, let's ask ourselves: What treasures  
are we storing up? Are our barns filled  
only with earthly possessions or with acts  
of kindness, love, and faithfulness? Are we  
living for today without a thought of  
eternity? Are we rich in material wealth  
but bankrupt in our relationship with God?

Let us remember that life is short and  
unpredictable. Our true value isn't  
determined by the amount in our bank  
accounts or the size of our barns, but by  
the richness of our souls and our  
relationship with God. *Harrison McCaffrey*