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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/buttlerstown

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.

God our Father,

Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our



and by Your command, we return to you.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family,

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

ARTHUR WALSH (MM) PATRICIA DOYLE FR COLM O'BRIEN & his mother JOSEIE O'BRIEN MARY ELLEN KEOGH (Birthday Rem) PATRICK BUTLER MONICA BIBLE (MM) TOMMY DROHAN (Birthday Rem) NAN O'MEARA NOELEEN MOLLOY ELIZABETH KENNEDY MAURA LEAMY DAVE LEAMY PATTY LYNAGH CATHERINE BLOSSIE HORGAN NOEL, CHARLIE & COLEEN CONDON EILEEN SHEERIN (MM) JOHN KINSELLA JOHN MORGAN TONY QUANN

UTLERSTOWN
MARIE WALSH
PAUL FAN (A & BIRTHDAY REM)
KATHLEEN & ALAN MIORGAN
& deceased members of the Wright &
Morgan Families
BILLY McGUIRE
CORA WALSH
May They Rest in Peace

Dear Lord,



Give me a few friends

friends
who will love me for what I
am, and keep ever burning
before my vagrant steps the
kindly light of hope...
And though I come not within
sight of the castle of my
dreams, teach me to be
thankful for life,
and for time's olden memories
that are good and sweet.
Amen



14th of September 2025 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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.'

The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 Sept, AD 320.

St Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is credited with the discovery of the true cross. On 13 September 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, also called the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, was dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. Ever since the annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated in praise of the Redemption won for us by Jesus

In his homily on this feast at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 14 September 1984 Pope St John Paul II said: "The Catholic Church celebrates today the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross of Christ. Thus the crucified Christ is lifted up by faith in the hearts of all who believe, and he too lifts up those same hearts with a hope that their new life can never be destroyed."

We know how the cross was honoured in Jerusalem from the description of Egeria's, a woman pilgrim to the Holy Land about 381–384. Egeria (who was possibly a nun from Galicia in Spain,) described the liturgy of the veneration of the cross as she experienced it on Good Friday in Jerusalem at that time.

"The bishop takes his seat. A table covered with a linen cloth is placed before him; a silver-gilt casket, which contains the holy wood of the Cross, is set before him, opened. The holy wood and the inscription are taken out and placed on the table. The people, both faithful and catechumens, come one by one, bow before the table, touch the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.

In 614, that relic of the cross was carried away from the church by the Persian King Chosroes II (588-628), but was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628 and restored to the church in Jerusalem the following year to much joy, tears and celebration. It was the instrument of the humiliating death of Jesus, but also his resurrection, the cross became for Christians a source of pride and hope.

Patrick Duffy

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 https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/

WEEKLY COLLECTION

ST PAUL'S CHURCH €1,657

Thank you

AUTUMN COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish will take place this weekend the 14th of September. Envelopes are available at the back of both Churches. Thank you.

Thank you to all our distributors for their help with the deliveries.

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.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

takes place October 1st to 31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.

VACANCY - Maintenance Assistant St Pauls Church, Lisduggan, Waterford Community Employment Programme

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

Duties

Cutting Grass, weeding & strimming, Planting/maintaining landscaping,

Painting, Refuse management,

Clean and maintain indoor and outdoor areas as directed by management.

Contract Type: Temporary

Employer Name: Compact Community CLG

Hours: 19.5 hours per week

Wages: CE Rates

Vacancy Reference: CES-2410179

Contact Georgina Kiely Power 051/875847

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Georgina.kielypower@compactcommunity.ie

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1st to October 4th, we will observe the Season of Creation, a time to reflect on God's gift of nature and our calling to live in harmony with it. This year's theme, "Peace with Creation", reminds us that true peace is not just among people but also with the earth and all living beings. "Everywhere in the land righteousness and justice will be done. Because everyone will do what is right, there will be peace and security forever. God's people will be free from worries, and their homes peaceful and safe." Isaiah 32. May these words inspire us to protect the environment, reduce harm, and work together for a world where nature thrives and everyone lives in safety and peace. St. Paul's Parish will celebrate this event at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 5th October. Come and be with us on this special occasion.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN SUNDAY 5TH OF OCTOBER

We will visit Ahenny High Crosses & St. Patrick's Well, Clonmel with a Short Prayer Services at each location.

Departure from St Paul's Church Carpark at 12.30pm. Return Drop-off at Carpark at 6.30pm If you are interested please give your name in to the Parish Office or at the Sacristy. Names to be submitted not later than Friday 19th September.

TWO NEW YOUNG SAINTS FOR THE CHURCH!

To learn more about St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati, check out www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry

ALPHA—COME & SEE—Explore Life Faith Meaning 2nd of October to 27th of November, 7pm to 9pm Thursday nights at the Parish Centre, St Joseph & St. Benildus Church. For details contact Anne at 086 3747511

WATERFORD SPORTS PARTNERSHIP Positive Ageing Week 2025

or email parishofficejbm@gmail.com.

takes place from Monday 29^{th} September to Friday 3^{rd} October.

We are running a series of FREE 'Come & Try It' events across Waterford city. All events are now available to book.

For more details and information on other events please visit www.waterfordsportspartnership.ie/

A SAFE AND WELCOMING CHURCH CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S ART

COMPETITION The NBSCCCI invites children and young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe and Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece can be a painting, sculpture, photograph or written piece and the competition is open to everyone under 18 years of age. The competition opens on the 1st of September until the 30th of September. For more information visit www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art-competition-2025

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine.