# PARISH INFORMATION

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### LIVE STREAMING

Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s</a> and <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/buttlerstown</a>

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.

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

ST. PAUL'S

MICHELLE BARRETT (MM)
JOHN O'MAHONEY (1st Anniv)
PEGGY CONNOLLY (Birthday Rem)
BESSIE & JAMES KIRWAN
& their daughter in law AILISH
DECEASED MEMBERS OF ROANMORE
HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB
BARBARA HURLEY
MICK (MICHAEL) FLYNN
BREDA COLLINS
BRIDGET SHERIDAN
MARGARET POWER
NUALA HURLEY
THOMAS QUNN
BERNIE HAYES

BUTLERSTOWN
MURIEL CANTWELL

May they Rest in Peace.



As with madness we prepare for this festive time of year, as we rush and count the days, Advent passes in a haze, So may our feet take us to places where we will meet You'.

Janet Lees



O Lord, you love me
and you know me.
Give me a quiet heart
so that I may enter
As fully as possible
into this time of preparation
for your coming at Christmas.



#### 30th of November 2025 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, '

# Light for the Journey

In faith and in hope we begin Advent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles are lighting the way for them - and for us! The coming light of Jesus lights both our waiting and our journey in life. May it shine the light of Christ into the darknesses of the year since last Christmas - bereavement, illness, disappointment.

We prepare best for **C**hristmas by spreading this light. The way to celebrate Christmas is rooted in our following of the gospel. Among our ways are caring more for the poor, some focused daily prayer, and the wish to forgive more and be forgiven.

All the different images of Christmas prepare us for this birth

- the carols we hear and sing,
- the lights in the streets,
- the star over the church and our Christmas trees and the ways we pray with anticipation and remember other Christmas days with joy.

Everything of this month can remind us of God. The Christmas trees, lights, cards, carols, parties, Santa hats, the houses lit up with

reindeer and all the things we see about Christmas, all remind us that **G**od is near.

Spend a little time this Advent remembering some people or family memories that make you grateful for Christmas.

Thank **G**od for these in your own words.



Donal Neary S.J.

# OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED & BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s</a>

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 PLEASE NOTE AFTER SOME PROBLEMS OUR RADIO BROADCAST IS NOW BACK IN WORKING ORDER!

#### CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**St Paul's Church** weekdays 11am -1pm **Butlerstown Church** daily 12 to 4.00pm



DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation to Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown please click the Donate Button on our website. <a href="https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/">https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/</a>

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To read our Newsletter and for all Parish News and Information

https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/

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!

<a href="https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/">https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/</a>

Jubilee Year information:

www.waterfordlismore.ie/jubilee2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
16TH NOVEMBER €2,256
23RD NOVEMBER €2,048 THANK YOU.

#### BUTLERSTOWN CEMETERY MASS

will take place at 3pm this Sunday 30th of November.

# ST PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING

will take place on Tuesday next 2nd of December at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. You are very welcome to join us.

# VOICES OF OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - PART OF THE WLR CHRISTMAS APPEAL IN AID OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

will take place in St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, on Thursday next, 4th December at 7:00 pm, for the first time as part of the WLR Christmas Appeal in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The concert will feature students from schools in the parish, including St Paul's National School, The SETU Junior Choir, Scoil Mhuire, Butlerstown, and The Presentation Primary School, and will also feature Waterford soprano, Caroline Reid O'Brien. This free event, hosted by WLR's Damien Tiernan, will include a collection on the night, with all monies raised going directly to support people in our community who need extra help during the festive season. Join us for an evening filled with Christmas magic, joyful carols, and the spirit of community.

# DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meet on Thursday afternoons in the Prayer Room, St. Paul's Church. All are welcome to join us to pray for peace in the world, vocations to the priesthood, healing in family life. We start at 3pm—Hour of Mercy



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Annual Collection takes place on the 6th and 7th of December. Envelopes are available this weekend at the Church entrance. Many thanks for your great support throughout the year.

# LIVE CRIB

Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan, Co. Tipperary, E91H584 Sunday 7th December 3 - 6pm. With Christmas carols, hot chocolate and a very special guest appearance from Santa! All are welcome!

# #HAVE YOURS AY ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025

See - <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/">https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/</a>

#### ADVENT ENCOUNTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Reconciliation Service for Young Adults – to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in St John's Church, Parnell St., Waterford – a time of adoration, music, confession available, followed by food and chat! Open to all aged 18 – 35. More info on <a href="https://www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry">www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry</a>

# THE JUBILEE CLOCK St. Paul's Church, Lisduggan

"This clock will stand as a witness to the hours we've shared the laughter, the labour, and the legacy of fifty years."

We are now at the stage of gathering resources and raising funds to meet the requirements of bringing The Jubilee Clock Project to completion. Please pick up a copy of the updated information leaflet in the Church.

Envelopes are also available for those who would like to contribute .

We are inviting support from all who would like to play a part in bringing this unique landmark into being, in any way, great or small. If you would like more information in this regard please contact any member of the Committee, Fr. Pat or the Parish Office.

Donations can be made at the Church or online through the parish website www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie

Please select Donate to Parish Funds, under Donor Information/Add a Message please type Jubilee Clock.

# ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say "Come, Lord Jesus". Amen. *Henri Nouwen*