

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.

Addressing educators, Pope Francis recalled that education has always been one of the highest expressions of Christian charity: ‘Yours is a mission full of obstacles as well as joys... A mission of love because you cannot teach without loving.’ In this sense, since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth. For the Church, teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith. Inspired by the example of the Master who taught people divine and human truths, she took on the mission of forming children and young people, especially the poorest, in truth and love.

Pope Leo XIV



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MAUREEN & KATHLEEN GAVIN
ELIZABETH (BETTY) GLYNN
CHRISTOPHER (CHRISTY) GLYNN
MARY BARDEN
PADDY McLAWRENCE
MICHAEL DWYER
BETTY & HEATHER NOLAN
BRIDGET BRANNIGAN (BR)
MARGARET NEVILLE
JOHN FANNING
FREDDIE ROBINSON
PATRICK (PADDY) KEANE
NICHOLAS O'TOOLE
PATRICK (PA) RUSSELL
STELLA COLLNIS
MARTIN & JERRY CONWAY
THE REVILLES FAMILY
ELIZABETH CUSACK
PADDY O'NEILL
BUTLERSTOWN
RACHEL FARRELL (Months Mind)
May they Rest in Peace.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

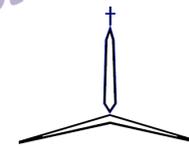
The Challenge of Moderation

Alcohol confronts us with our own frailty and weakness. Even those who are not addicted need the support of a higher power in the journey through life if we are to avoid the perils of addiction.

We need the support of friends, of family and of God. Indeed, there may be people around us who need our support. The love and support of God is mediated through people just like us when we reach out to others, bringing God's love and care into our world.

Pastoral Letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



15th of February 2026 — SIXTH 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.'

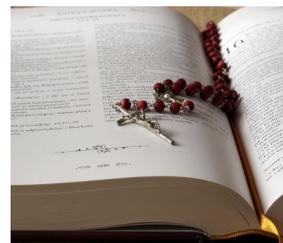
BEYOND THE MERE LETTER OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:17-37

Many of Jesus' contemporaries whose dedication to keeping every dot and title of the law can only be described as admirable. However, their sense of satisfaction was severely challenged when Jesus indicated that the law was not enough. He did not abolish the law; rather he used it as a launching pad to propel his followers beyond the mere letter of the law to the spirit that lay behind it.

Jesus challenged his disciples to a holiness that reached far beyond the law – perfect legal observance would not be enough but rather a good start. No doubt many were disappointed and even angry. But there were others who were able to look with Jesus beyond the law to the loving God who inspired it. Those who accepted Jesus' challenge would begin to frame their lives with new questions – what more can I do? What more can I become?

Some responses to these questions are answered in today's Gospel by a series of listed obligations of the law. For instance, the law against murder must also include hatred, anger and scorn. The law against false oaths would also include integrity, so that our 'yes' is really yes and our 'no' is really no. This is to show that people are valued more than legal observance and that our friendship with God hinges heavily upon our bonding with other people. Our offering of a gift to God is insincere if we withhold forgiveness from one another. Until the reign of God is established and acknowledged in every human heart, Jesus challenges us to move beyond the mere letter of the law to that area of grace where love knows no limits.



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**PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S &
BUTLERSTOWN LIVE STREAMING AND
RADIO BROADCAST**

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: 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



DONATIONS If you wish to make a
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/>

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/>

SOCIAL FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

ON TUESDAY NEXT 17TH OF FEBRUARY

The first Mass in the newly built St. Paul's
Church was celebrated on the 17th of
February, 1972 and so, the Parish Pastoral
Council has chosen that date to celebrate
all the voluntary effort that now, and
since then, has sustained the life of our
parish. We have been truly blessed with
the generous spirit of so many people who
have served our church and parish
community in a multitude of ways.

**So, this is an invitation to all who are
serving and have served in any way, in
any and all of the ministries and
services, to gather for a special Mass at
7.00 p.m. on February 17th and for
refreshments afterwards in the Parish
Centre.**

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TABLE QUIZ IN
AID OF THE JUBILEE CLOCK FUND**

will take place on Tuesday 24th of February
in St. Paul's Parish Centre at 8.00pm.

Teams of 4 €20. Teas & Coffees will be
served. All are welcome.

The Way.ie is a new national platform for
our Church, providing high-quality content
about our Catholic faith for all ages.

Take a look and share it with family and
friends . You can also follow their content
on Facebook, Instagram, Spotify and
YouTube.

**WATERFORD/SE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
AMAZING GRACE**

SUNDAY 15th February 10.30 to 5pm

Tower Hotel Waterford—All Welcome
Celebration of Mass , Spiritual Guidance
and Confessions with Mons Finbarr
O'Leary.

'NEED MORE NATURE' LISMORE PARK GREEN

Waterford City & County Council want to hear
from Lismore Park residents as part of this
project to enhance spaces for nature in the
Lismore Park Green (above AIB). The project
could include further tree-planting, orchard
areas, areas of natural meadow, or planting of
native flowers for pollinators, placing of bird
boxes, and signage to explain. What would
YOU like to see as part of this project? Ask at
St Paul's Church for a form to send us your
ideas or contact us at
cgill@waterfordcouncil.ie .

TARSUS SCRIPTURE GROUP

We invite you to join us on a Bible journey as
we look at the writings of St. Paul. The first of
4 sessions begins on Thursday 19th February at
7.30pm in the Parish Centre in St Joseph and
Benildus, Newtown Road. All welcome.

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with
epilepsy. For further information, please
visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy
Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday
26th March.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER GROUP

Will meet each Thursday afternoon 2.45 to 4pm
in the Payer Room St Paul's Church
commencing Thursday February 19th. As we
prepare for the Holy Season of Lent and the
Celebration of Easter, followed by the Feast of
Divine Mercy on April 12th, we invite you to
come and join us in prayer, song and
intercession a we pray for our own needs and
for a peaceful world

Jesus to St. Faustina

Remember this for your whole life
As waters flow from the mountains
Down into the valleys
So too do God's graces flow into humble souls

**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."*

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. 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.

PARISH FAITH REP APPLICATIONS:

Would you like to make a difference for
young people in your parish and be trained
alongside other like-minded people? More
information can be found on [https://
waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps/](https://waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps/)
Applications close on Friday 20th February.

**BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT
REFLECTION PROGRAMME:**

Join us for these afternoons of reflection
as we rediscover who we are as God's
people, listen to the Holy Spirit and take
concrete steps, individually and
collectively towards living our
baptismal calling more deeply.
Sundays 2.30 – 4pm (Feb 22nd – March
22nd): St John's Pastoral Centre, John's
Hill. Led by the Diocesan Synodal Team
and Diocesan volunteers.