

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.

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

O God, whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times
through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

ESTHER WATERS (MM)
EILEEN CREGAN
PATRICK SULLIVAN
JIMMY KENNEDY
MICHAEL & BRIDGET MORGAN
ANTHONY & EDDIE FOLEY
KITTY EVANS
MARY DALY
MARY BUTLER (BR)
LINDA O'KEEFFE
MARY PARTRIDGE
JAMES (JIMMY) McGRATH
TERRY O'SULLIVAN Jnr
STEPHEN COLLINS (BR)
MELISSA COLLINS
MAURA QUILTY (BR)
PTER O'TOOLE
FRANKIE KEOHAN

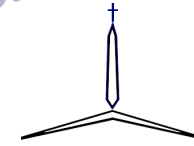
BUTLERSTOWN

PADDY, MARGARET & JOHANNA
O'BRIEN

May they Rest in Peace

*Eternal and gracious God,
we believe your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ
to have ascended with
triumph
into your kingdom in
heaven;
may we also in heart and
mind
ascend to where he is,
and with him continually
dwell;*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



17th of May 2026 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day)

*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.'*

Glimpses of Heaven

At various points in the Gospels, we are treated to a brief glimpse of heaven – the baptism of Jesus by John, when the heavens open and God's voice is heard; the Transfiguration where Jesus is transformed in the presence of Peter, James and John; and the Ascension, when Jesus is lifted up into heaven before the disciples' very eyes.

There are times when we get the sense that we have been treated to a glimpse of heaven – like when we are moved by a 'heavenly' experience, piece of music, sunset or breath-taking scenery. But today's feast of the Ascension reminds us that where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow. Elsewhere he tells us that he is going to prepare a place for us. We cannot imagine what lies in store in the life everlasting, the life beyond this life, which we hope to share with God. We can only see a reflection in this world of the splendour and beauty that awaits:

'The world is charged with the grandeur of God' (Gerard Manley Hopkins).

Triona Doherty

High Flight

'Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed,
and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds
and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of.
Wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.
and while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space...
put out my hand, and touched the face of God.
by John Gillespie Magee Jr.



**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/butlerstown>

**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

 **DONATE**

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/>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH €2,570
THANK YOU

**'THE WORD OF THE LORD' -
WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY**

An evening of prayer, reflection and training
for new and existing Ministers of the Word
for St. Paul's & Butlerstown Parish, 7pm to
8pm in St Paul's Parish Centre. The evening
will be facilitated by Mary Dee, St. John's
Pastoral Centre.

**'DEEPENING YOUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY'
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY**

An evening of prayer, reflection and training
for new and existing Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion for St. Paul's &
Butlerstown Parish, 7pm to 8pm in St Paul's
Parish Centre.

The evening will be facilitated by Mary Dee,
St. John's Pastoral Centre.

CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

With Diva Voces, award winning female
choir, on May 24th at 1.30pm. Duration is 45
minutes (family friendly). Entrance €5 at the
door , all proceeds going to Christchurch
Cathedral.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION INVITATION:

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is
developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Team
to promote, expand and consolidate
Eucharistic Adoration in the Diocese. You are
invited to a special Information Evening on
Wed 27th May, Hotel Minella Clonmel, 8pm or
Thursday 28th May, St John's Pastoral Centre,
Waterford at 8pm. Registration and Light
Refreshments at 7.30pm. Please give your
name, to your parish office or priest.
Information: brendancleary2@gmail.com or
086 1027411. Booking closes 25th May.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a
large canvas in his studio. Then suddenly he
stopped working on it. Summoning one of his
talented students, the master invited him to
complete the work. The student protested that
he was unworthy and unable to complete the
great painting which his master had begun.
But da Vinci silenced him. 'Will not what I
have done inspire you to do your best?'

Jesus our Master began to spread the Good
News two thousand years ago by what he said
and did, and supremely by what he suffered.
Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish
the picture.

Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the
picture? This is the message of the Ascension.
Fr Antony Kadavil

**A DAY OF REFELCTION FOR ALL PARISH
MINISTRIES IN THE DIOCESE**

Will take place at Glencomeragh House, Co.
Tipperary on Saturday 20th June beginning at
10.30am. The facilitator is Frances Rowland
from the Diocese of Kerry. All ministries are
welcome to this special day. There is no cost to
the attendees, but please bring a **packed
lunch**. Limited places, booking essential
Call 051-874199 or email
marydee@waterfordlismore.ie

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP IN ST. MARY'S
CEMETERY, BALLYGUNNER**

St. Joseph's, St. Benildus' & St. Mary's Parish is
calling on volunteers to help with a community
clean-up of St. Mary's Cemetery in Ballygunner
on Monday 1 June - the June Bank Holiday - at
10.00 am.

The tidy-up is being organised in preparation
for the annual Cemetery Mass

**MEMORIAL CAPSULE TO BE PLACED
IN JUBILEE CLOCK**

We are inviting parishioners and friends to
write the names of loved ones on special
cards to be placed in the Clock in
remembrance of members of our
community who have gone before us.
The cards are available at the back of the
Church. Please drop them into the box or at
the Sacristy or Parish Office.

**ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS AT ST. MARY'S
CEMETERY, BALLYGUNNER**

The annual Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's
Cemetery, Ballygunner, will take place on
Thursday 18 June at 7.30 pm. This much-
loved occasion offers the community an
opportunity to gather, remember, and pray
together for loved ones who have passed.
All are very welcome.

The Jubilee Clock

If you would like to donate
on our GoFundMe Page for
the Jubilee Clock, please
scan this QR Code which is
also in the Church Porch
and on our website.

**Please bring this to the
attention of your nearest and
dearest at home and away.**

We are almost there!

