

## PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Pat Fitzgerald, Parochial House 372257

Sr. de Lourdes Breen 058 41359

**Parish Office: Parish Centre**

Parish Secretary Maura Cooney 357730

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.15 am to 12.45 pm. and Tuesday 2 to 3pm

**E-mail:** [stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulschurchwt@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie](http://www.stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie)

**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](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.

### Matthew 14 13-21

Today's Gospel sees Jesus taking pity on the crowds, even though he had planned some alone time, and in spite of the disciples' efforts to send them away.

Are we like the disciples, sending people away when they need help? Or do we follow Jesus' example, acting with compassion and helping those we encounter?

The crowd had only five loaves and two fish, yet from this meagre beginning Jesus was able to feed five thousand people. The smallest gesture of help or kindness can multiply and bear a great amount of fruit.

Triona Doherty

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ST. PAUL'S

MARGO COMMINS

JOANIE WHITE

ANN BRENNAN

PAUL SULLIVAN

PADRAIC McKEOWN

CATHERINE FURLONG

BERNIE O'BYRNE

LEE SALKELD (Birthday Rem)

ANGY O'SULLIVAN

SARAH COLLINS (Birthday Rem)

### BUTLERSTOWN

ELLA SHANAHAN (Killotteran)

May they Rest in Peace



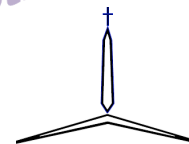
*"Hold your eyes on God  
and leave the doing to  
Him.*

*That is all the doing  
you have to worry  
about."*

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**



# Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



**2nd of August 2026—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.'*

## NOT ENOUGH

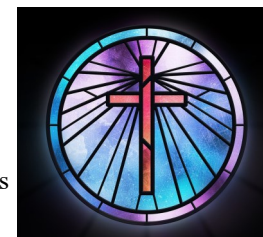
Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.

We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies.

**'Give something, however small, to one in need.  
For it is not small to one who has nothing.  
Neither is it small to God,  
if we have given what we could.'**

St. Gregory of Nazianzus



Triona Doherty

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



**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 €2,149  
THANK YOU

BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIME  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

MONDAY 3rd of AUGUST  
MASS AT 10.30am in St. Paul's

**LAUDATE PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Sunday  
23rd August** at St John's Pastoral Centre, John's  
Hill, Waterford A time of prayer, music and  
worship led by Fr Patrick Cahill. Followed by  
tea / coffee and chat! Age 18+. Donation only  
event, all proceeds to Diocesan World Youth  
Day '27 Fund. Info: [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)

**GOLF CLASSIC: WATERFORD & LISMORE  
DIOCESAN YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

**Monday 7th September**, Faithlegg Golf Club,  
X91 HV52. Each parish is invited to have a  
team. Event details: Teams of three /  
Champagne Scramble / Meal / Cost: €240 per  
team / Shotgun start from 9am and 2pm /  
Excellent prizes. To book your place (085)  
8153803 or email  
[markofarrell@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:markofarrell@waterfordlismore.ie)

**ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.**  
The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran,  
20-22 November 2026.

Join women from across Ireland for a faith-  
filled weekend with inspiring speakers  
including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan,  
Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín  
Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville,  
Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more.  
A conference not to be missed!  
Register now:  
<https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF  
THE GOSPELS Matthew 14:13-21

- The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off to be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?
- When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person?
- The scene is a Eucharistic symbol reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you?

- When the disciples became aware of the problem they wanted to send the crowd away but Jesus told them 'You give them something to eat.' They thought what they had was insufficient but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little we have to a situation the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?  
**John Byrne osa**

*Giving wisdom to others means sharing  
what you have learned to help them grow,  
find peace, and feel less alone.  
True wisdom is a gift that costs nothing to  
share, yet it can change a person's life.*

## 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.**



## WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?

*It has the feet to hasten  
to the poor and needy.  
It has eyes to see misery and want.  
It has the ears to hear  
the sighs and sorrows of men.  
That is what love looks like.  
Saint Augustine.*

## Lord,

Open our ears that we may listen  
with respect and understanding.

Touch our lips that we may speak  
your words of peace and forgiveness.

Warm our hearts that we may bring  
wholeness to the broken-hearted and  
dissolve the barriers of division.