

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

Within everything else I do today, Lord Jesus,
give me the courage to carve out the time
and space I need to honour You
and listen to your voice.

Calm me down, give me peace,
free my spirit, clear my mind,
and let me take a spiritual breath of fresh air
from every moment spent with You.

Hour by hour, Lord Jesus,
change me for the better
by the power of Your Holy Spirit: Amen



ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MAY & JOHN JOE REVILLE

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MAY BURKE nee McENERY (MM)

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YVONNE O'MAHONY

MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN

JOHN FARREL

GABRIELLE HANNON

& her husband TOM

MONICA BIBLE

EILEEN SHEERAN

VINCENT POWELL

MATTIE CREED

ANN & WILLIAM CONDON

JOE O'REILLY

JOHN CROWLEY

BERNIE PURCELL

BUTLERSTOWN

MICHAEL CORBETT &

His wife ANNE

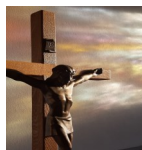
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May they Rest in Peace

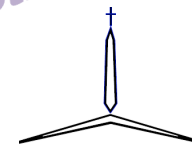


*She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even
the dogs eat the crumbs that
fall from their masters' table."
Then Jesus answered her,
"Woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you
wish." And her daughter was
healed instantly.*

Matthew 15:27-28



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



16th of August 2026—TWENTIETH 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. '

FIGHTING FOR HER CHILD

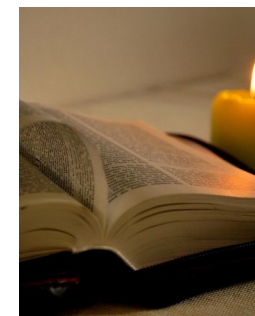
She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook.

Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.



Fr Donal Neary, S.J

**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 €1,846
THANK YOU

MARCH OF THE BLACK FRIARS

(Re-enactment):

This Sunday 16th August, 12pm – 4.30pm.
Blackfriars' Abbey Ruin, John Roberts Square, Waterford
<https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/march-of-the-black-friars-re-enactment>

FR. SVET FROM MEDJUGORJE

In conjunction with the Arthur McCluskey Foundation, Helping the Poor of Bosnia & Herzegovina. Sunday 23rd of August 3p.m. Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mount Sion
Contact Maura Browne 087 1676383

LAUDATE PRAYER AND WORSHIP:

Sunday 23rd August 5-6pm 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

**FREE SMARTPHONE CLASSES
BROWNS ROAD LIBRARY**

Access IT will be running a series of free smart-phone classes in the library from Wednesday 2nd September; 10am - 12pm. Spaces are limited so book your spot today! Phone us on (051) 849 614 or email us at brownsroadlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie. Classes will run for seven weeks.

**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

There will be moments when our prayers seem to meet only silence.
We may wonder whether God has turned away or whether our hopes have gone unheard.
The Canaanite woman reminds us not to mistake silence for absence. She continues to trust. She continues to ask. She refuses to walk away.

Maybe that is what great faith looks like.

Not a faith that never struggles.

Not a faith that always understands.

But a faith that continues to pray, with quiet confidence and enduring hope.

**GOD WITH ST. FRANCIS,
9 SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND
ST. BENILDUS' CHURCH**

St. Joseph's, St. Benildus' and St. Mary's Parish invites everyone to an evening of faith, music and reflection with gospel singer James Kilbane, celebrating the life of St. Francis through the themes of peace, creation and hope. This free parish service takes place on Wednesday 9 September at 7.30 All are warmly welcome. An offering collection will be taken up on the evening to help with expenses. Information 051 348 077 or parishofficejbm@gmail.com.

COPD EXERCISE PROGRAMME

New Members welcome to our **Waterford Group**, a community-based exercise programme for people living with COPD. This exercise programme is free of charge. The classes will also offer a social gathering where individuals living with COPD can meet others who have a lived experience of this long-term lung condition. Classes are every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Edmund Rice Centre. Please contact Katie in COPD Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or email support@copd.ie for more details and to book your place.

MATTHEW 15:21-28

We admire the mother or father who really fights for their child. They won't take no for an answer if their child is being bullied or treated unjustly in any way, they will fight for the best medical treatment for their sick child. The woman in the gospel is like that.

She has a sick child and really wants healing. Who would not want the same? She almost forces Jesus into curing her little daughter. Her persistence is an effect of her faith, and because of her faith Jesus cures her child.

'Dogs' was a name for the Gentiles – and in this story the woman plays on its meaning to get Jesus to feed the dogs and, in this way, care for her.

Maybe this is a 'change moment' for Jesus when he realises through this poor woman that he is sent not only to his own lost ones, but that his mission is for the whole world.

This is not the first biblical figure to argue with the Lord: Genesis and Exodus tell of times when Abraham and Moses gave out to God. This woman is different from the scribes who often tried to trap Jesus with arguments.

His first response is what we often experience in prayer: no give. But a mother seeking health for her child is not easily deterred, and Jesus rewards her persistence – I imagine him smiling as he blesses her.

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