

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true, beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen. *Diocese of St Petersburg dosp.org*

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

MICHAEL MORGAN (Months Mind)
PATRICK SULLIVAN (BR)
TOMMY KINSELLA
PADDY KINSELLA
HELEN JACKMAN
ALICE ANN JEAN O'LEARY
BREDA FINN
MARY SULLIVAN
PAUL SULLIVAN
JOHN SULLIVAN
CATHERINE & THOMAS
HALLIGAN
CHRIS (CHRISTOPHER) MORAN
PADDY LUCAS
DALE BYRNE
May they Rest in Peace

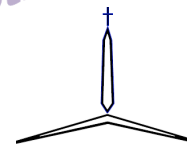


PRAYER AT THE START OF THE DAY

As I begin my day, I turn to You, Lord, and ask for strength. Be my rock whenever the day shakes me. Guide me through the day as I navigate choppy waters that might come my way. Empower me to speak up when I need to, even if my voice shakes. Help me to feel tall in situations that make me small. Be the light that empowers me in darkness. Most of all, help me feel Your loving embrace this day and all days. Amen."



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



23rd of August 2026—TWENTY-FIRST 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. '

Nothing but Jesus (Matthew 16:13-20)

We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

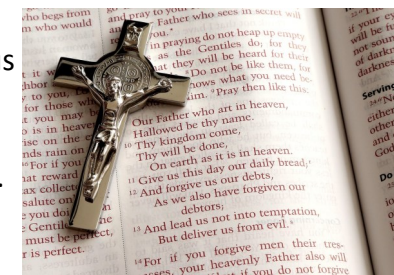
We might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus and Jesus in Peter. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

If it's not that we have nothing but Jesus - it is that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

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/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/>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH €2024
THANK YOU

FR. SVET FROM MEDJUGORJE

In conjunction with the Arthur McCluskey
Foundation, Helping the Poor of Bosnia &
Herzegovina. **Sunday 23rd of August 3p.m.**
In St. Paul's Church

Contact Maura Browne 087 1676383

DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED

If anybody is willing to help us with Parish
Envelope Deliveries in these areas please
contact the Parish Office next week
051 357730

MAPLE TERRACE

CHERRY TERRACE

OAK TERRACE

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

**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF THE EXHALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS**

will take place at Holy Cross Church, Tramore
from the 5th to the 13th of September. All
Welcome.

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

An evening of faith, music and reflection with
gospel singer James Kilbane, This is a free event
All are welcome. An offering collection will be
taken up on the evening to help with expenses.

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. Contact Katie COPD
Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or
email support@copd.ie for more details and to
book your place.

WATERFORD'S TRINITY GOSPEL CHOIR,

is recruiting new members for September!
No previous musical experience is necessary,
full training and support will be provided.
Whether you love to sing or simply want to try
something new, we would love to hear from
you! For more information, please email
tgcwaterford@gmail.com

Lord, many people today are drifting through
life, unsure of their identity. Remind them
that your son Jesus too had to make the
journey to being himself. Send them humble
companions like Simon Peter who will see
them in their truth, not replicas of anyone
else, but your sons and daughters, anointed
by you for a particular mission in the world.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

(Matthew 16:13-20)

The people who knew Jesus, including
some of his disciples, believed him to be
a great prophet, such as John the Baptist,
Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the other
prophets. But, when asked by Jesus to
offer an opinion about his identity,
Peter said: 'You are the Christ, the Son
of the living God' (Mt 16:16).

Jesus made clear that this was a
particular grace from God which
allowed Peter, from among all the
apostles and disciples, to discern the true
identity of Jesus. In this way, Peter
announced his belief that Jesus was the
promised Messiah who had come to
deliver God's people from the bondage
of sin. Jesus was much more than a
prophet, and Peter was divinely inspired
to acknowledge this truth.

The public manifestation of Peter's faith
in Jesus as the Christ, the Anointed One,
was immediately rewarded by Christ
who wanted Peter to know two facts.

Firstly, he had been especially blessed
by God in being given this knowledge.

Secondly, Peter was given a singularly
important role in the infant Church: 'You
are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
Church. And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it. I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you
loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven' (Mt 16:18-19).

John Litterton