

PARISH INFORMATION

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SPLENDOR OF THE ROSARY

Caryll Houselander (1901-1954) wrote some beautiful prayers on the rosary as London was being bombed in World War 11. Here is an excerpt of her prayers:

The Finding in the Temple
through Mary seeking her lost Son,
may we be given grace
always to seek for the Christ-child
and always to find him.

Let us find him in all children,
and in all who have a child's needs
the helpless, the sick, the aged;
in all who serve and are trusting and poor;
in all who are lonely and homeless.

Let us too become as little children,
to find the Divine Child in our own hearts.

ANNIVERSARIES

ST. PAUL'S

LARRY & ELLEN MACKEY

CHRISTOPHER BROPHY

PHYLLIS PHELAN

JOSEPH MURPHY (A & BR)

SEAMUS QUIRKE

JIM MERNIN

ANN POWELL

CATHERINE O'KEEFFE

ROBERT COSTELLO

STEPHEN O'KEEFFE (BR)

THOMAS & CATHERINE O'CONNOR

& sons TO M & PAT

JOHN & MARY COSTELLO

BUTLERSTOWN

MARY, DENIS & JAMES CULLEN

GUSSIE WALSH, & his parents

BILLY & CORA WALSH

JERRY WIDGER

MARY O'BRIEN

PATRICIA O'BRIEN

KITTY, DICK & TONY CAREY

MARIA MACKEY

HENNESSY



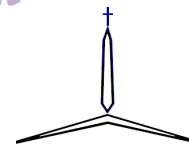
May they Rest in Peace

*Consult not your fears
but your hopes and dreams.
Think not about your
frustrations, but about
your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with
what you tried and failed in,
but with what is still
possible for you to do.'*

Saint Pope John XXIII



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



11th of October 2026—TWENTY- EIGHT 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.'*

A ROYAL WEDDING (Matthew 22 1-14)

Today's gospel is difficult. Stories of judgement, weeping and gnashing of teeth just do not appeal to most people. We hear about a King whose invitations to his son's wedding banquet are repeatedly refused. In some instances his messengers are killed.

One interpretation of this parable is that it is an allegory for the Jesus story, God's invitation to the Messianic banquet has been refused by those who are expected to embrace it. This banquet is therefore opened up to the unexpected, the Gentiles, the poor, those on the margins, the outcast.

Going deeper again, we can hear that God wants to be in a relationship with each of us. We are all invited to this banquet. Yet, sometimes we exclude ourselves from being in fellowship with God. We may be hurt, suffering in a way that is preventing us from accepting the invitation to experience God's love and hospitality. We simply want to be left alone. Notice how the host in this parable persists. God does not give up on us.

And what about that man who did come but was not suitably dressed? If we accept the invitation we should be ready for change and not just change of an outer garment, real change. Because any real experience of God in our lives transforms us in some way or another. The Gospel is meant to make us uncomfortable. Otherwise, what changes for us? We can sit around and listen to nice gentle passages that keep us comforted, or we can be challenged and moved to experiencing something real, something which requires us to show up and be transformed. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation.



Jane Mellett

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BUTLERSTOWN LIVE STREAMING AND
RADIO BROADCAST**

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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



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Butlerstown please click the
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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 €1,870

**SEASON OF CREATION
SPECIAL MASS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

You are invited to join our celebration of the
Season of Creation at a Special Mass at
11.30am this Sunday 11th October. During this
Mass we will take time to be thankful for the
abundant blessings we have received during
this past year – a plentiful supply of fresh
vegetables, fruit, flowers, trees, water, air and
the many happy times we experienced. We
will also give thanks for the support of our
faith and our families and friends during times
of loss and sadness.

MASS NEXT WEEK

To facilitate a clergy conference, there will be
no Mass in St. Paul's Church on Monday,
Tuesday or Wednesday morning next week.
12th, 13th, 14th. Instead there will be a
celebration of Morning Prayer—The Prayer of
the Church, at 10am each morning, led by
some of our parishioners. We encourage all
our usual congregation to come and partake of
this lovely prayer experience.

**OUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE FUNDRAISING
TABLE QUIZ** will take place on Tuesday next,
the 13th of October at 8pm in St. Paul's Parish
Centre. Teams of 4 €20

All proceeds going to the refurbishment of the
Parish Meeting Rooms. Prizes for 1st, 2nd
and 3rd teams. Tea & Coffee will be served.
All Welcome.

MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The Mission Sunday collection will be taken
up as a Second Collection at all Masses on
Sunday next. Thank you for your support.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Join us for 4 presentations from Tarsus
Scripture School, on Wednesdays October 14,
21, 28 and November 4, 7.30pm to 9pm in St.
Benildus Parish Centre, to discover the themes
of reconciliation, peacemaking.

**BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH
HARVEST MASS AT 10.00 AM
SUNDAY THE 18TH OF OCTOBER**

All are very Welcome

Feel free to **Bring To Share** any produce **Surplus**
to your needs e.g. Vegetables , Fruit , Eggs,
Bakes. Etc.

A table will be available at the end of the
church for this purpose.

JUBILEE CLOCK MEMORIAL

As planned and promised, all the names
submitted for inclusion in the Jubilee Clock
were placed there on Friday morning. Good to
know that so many wonderful family members
and friends are included in the Clock, which is
a symbol of our story as a Parish.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC WATERFORD

will be at The Woodlands Hotel on Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday the 13th, 14th & 15th
of October from 15.45pm to 20pm. Sunday 18th
October 12 to 15.30pm and Monday 19th to
Thursday 22nd of October 15.45 to 20pm. Book
your appointment at giveblood.ie or ring 1800
222111 Thank you.

**LUMEN CHRISTI YOUNG ADULT PRAYER &
SCRIPTURE GROUP**

Mondays 7 – 8.30pm. Ages 18 – 35. Luke
Wadding House, Lady Lane, Waterford X91
F44E. For more info: [info@waterford-](mailto:info@waterford-cathedral.com)
cathedral.com

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Minella Hotel, Clonmel E91FY97. Saturday 31st
October, 10.30am – 1.30pm (Registration at
10am). Cost: €15 (includes your music book).
This event is for all choirs and their leaders
who help us celebrate our liturgy. Facilitator:
Dominic Finn (Choir Director, Cobh
Cathedral). Please book your place ring 051
874199 or email
pastoralcentre@waterfordlismore.ie

**GOSPEL REFLECTION
MATTHEW 22:1-14**

The landowner had prepared for a large
crowd. When he sent his servants out to
personally remind the guests to come,
some of the servants were mistreated,
beaten and even killed by his prospective
guests! Quite naturally, the king was
enraged.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say to us? I
doubt that we have had the experience this
story speaks of. However, we all have been
disappointed and upset at various times in
our lives.

We may have been deeply hurt by
someone or betrayed by another. Our
natural human response is to be angry,
hurt and disappointed – and rightly so.

In these situations we need to take time to
calm down and deal with the hurt, anger
and disappointment. We need to
acknowledge and feel the emotions. If we
repress them, most likely the emotions will
come back with a vengeance. But we can't
stop there. We also need to honestly
acknowledge what we are experiencing but
then with time to gradually 'let those
feelings go' and forgive.

Most often this is the last thing that we
want to do! It will take time but it is an
important step to take.

If we nurse our anger and hurt, we are not
hurting the individuals who disappointed
us, we are hurting ourselves and those we
love! If we are not able to forgive, we
simply need to ask God to help us. May we
have the grace to ask God to heal the anger
and hurt – and to free us!

Sr Kristine Anne Harpenau OSB