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MELISSA COLLINS (Birthday Rem)

BUTLERSTOWN

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CATHERINE (KATHLEEN) MORGAN

May they Rest in Peace

Father, I offer you this day.
I ask for light to see the right path.
I ask for freedom from worry, fear or guilt.
I ask for wisdom and insight into how our world needs renewal.
I ask for forgiveness when necessary
and for people to help me along the way.
May I know that your love me
and walk the path with me.

(Pope Francis)



Evening Prayer

God, our Father,
this day is done.
We ask you
and Jesus Christ, your Son,
that with the Spirit,
our welcome guest,
you guard our sleep
and bless our rest.



Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown

15th of November 2026—THIRTY-THIRD 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.'

Rising to the Challenge

Matthew 25:14-30

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear – he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful – which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him – but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

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Jane Mellett



PARISHES OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN LIVE STREAMING AND RADIO BROADCAST

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You can also read our latest Newsletter at the above links.

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CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1pm
Butlerstown Church daily 12 to 4.00pm

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https://stpaulsandbutlerstown.ie/

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https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources/

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH €2,171

HOLY SOULS MASSES BUTLERSTOWN
A Triduum of Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated on the 24th, 25th and 26th of November at 7.30pm each evening in Butlerstown Church. Envelopes for your intentions are available in the Church.

BUTLERSTOWN BEREAVEMENT MASS
Our special Mass for those who have been bereaved will take place in Butlerstown Church at 7.30pm on the 26th of November All are welcome.

RAISING HOPE: CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME TOGETHER A Laudato Si' Conference for the Dioceses of Cloyne, Cork and Ross, Waterford and Lismore on Sat 21st November at Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork More info: www.waterfordlismore.ie

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX & HER PARENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, WATERFORD 13th, 14th 15th November
Sunday 15th November – 8.30am Mass, 12 noon Mass (celebrated by Bishop Cullinan), veneration of the relics after 8.30am Mass until 5pm. Closing liturgy at 5pm.

PRAYER VIGIL WITH THE RELICS OF ST.THERESE (FOR AGES 15 – 30)
Sat 14th November 2026, 8pm – 9pm at the Chapel of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star X91YD70, Lady Lane, Waterford. More info: 087 3928734

LUMEN CHRISTI YOUNG ADULT PRAYER & SCRIPTURE GROUP Mondays 7 – 8.30pm. Ages 18 – 35. Luke Wadding House, Lady Lane, Waterford X91 F44E. Information: info@waterford-cathedral.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
will take place each Friday in St. Paul's Church after 10am Mass up to December 18th. All are welcome anytime.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Sunday 22nd of November 2 to 5pm at
The Tower Hotel, Waterford.
Organised by Word of God Outreach (Waterford/S.E. Charismatic Renewal)
An opportunity to come apart and rest a while, to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus through prayer, praise, scripture, talks, sharing and prayer ministry. All Welcome

A BLESSING
Lord, may everything we do this day
begin with Your blessing and continue with Your help.

May everything we say this day begin with Your love and continue with Your grace.

May everything we plan this day begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your peace.

So that throughout our lives all that we begin in You may by You be happily ended, and all that we seek through You may be lovingly attended. Amen **St Columbanus**

TIME
Our expression "to have time for someone" is a heart-warming one, because giving time to someone is a real gift of myself,
part of our consciousness of being human.

The opposite—lack of time—is expressed in another idiom "Money rich but time poor." To be poor in time is a great deprivation, even when self-inflicted. It is all a question of perspective, values and choices.

We do need to value the fleeting time we have and not live only towards a future, as yet unreal, moment.

GIFTS & TALENTS (MATTHEW 25:14-30)
The parable of the talents is a parable for all people and for all times. It teaches us much about human nature and the numerous types of people in our world. In particular, it invites us to reach our full human potential by using creatively the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Our various talents are an expression of God's love for us. Our talents are not intended to be hidden or to remain unused. Rather, they are meant to be developed by us as a sign that we appreciate God's love and blessing.

God does not give us talents just for ourselves. They are best used for the good of other people and for the good of the Church. Unfortunately, many of us may hide our talents or, even worse, we may waste them by using them in useless ways.

For example, we may know that we are effective communicators. Yet we choose not to use our gift of communication to convey the teachings of the gospel because we do not want to be unpopular. Nevertheless, if we took a risk and communicated the truth we might bring another person consolation and happiness. Ultimately we might be God's instrument in guiding that person.

We sometimes think that other people are more talented than us and we envy them. Or we see people wasting their obvious strengths and talents, strengths and talents that we do not have, and we are moved to self-pity. We must always remember, however, that God has blessed each one of us with a unique combination of gifts and talents that he expects us to use and develop. These talents vary considerably and we do not all receive the same gifts and strengths, either in kind or in abundance.
John Litteton