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#### BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING/SUPPORT SERVICES

Following the recent changes to the Government guidelines on the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions, we are pleased to let you know that our face to face Bereavement Support and Counselling Services are once again available at **Family Ministry, St. John's Pastoral Centre Waterford.** In addition to this, our online services will continue to operate. **Please contact us at 051 858772** 

# HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND CONFIRMATION CARDS AND GIFTS

are now available in the Repository in St Paul's Parish Centre - open from 10.30am to 11am each morning.

LIVE STREAMING Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/stpaul-s and https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown and www.stpaulschurch.ie. There is also a continuous live stream from the churches during the day, 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.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

St. Paul's

DAN GREANEY CORA DOYLE & her brother JACK O'LEARY her sister GRET ALLEN & her Great Grandson BEN CARLIN PEGGY McCORMACK **BREDA CLEARY** THERESA SUTTON **TOMMY CHEEVERS TOMY DROHAN &** CATHERINE LONERGAN **TESS & JACK O'SHEA INTENTIONS OF THE GROTTO ROSARY GROUP ROSS GRANT (Birthday Rem)** JOHN GRANT PATRICK WHELAN



May they Rest in Peace.



CHILDREN'S PREPARATORY BOOK FOR First Reconciliation and First Communion https://www.vx.ie/St Pauls/com



CHILDREN'S PREPARATORY BOOK FOR Confirmation: https://www.vx.ie/ St\_Pauls/conf



**13th of June, 2021 - ELEVENTH 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.'

# The Ordinary Jesus

Very often we notice the ordinariness of Jesus. No big discourse on the kingdom of God. He Just looks around him and says it's like seeds growing and you can't see them growing.

**P**eople knew what he was talking about – seeds growing down in the ground and you can do little about it! You just wait. They had little of the modern quick ways, even of sowing. All life was slow and that's often the way.

All through life some of the best things are under our eyes and we do not see them.

And how we help others grow...You may not know the faith that grows in your children. Faith is different for all of us in practice and specifics. Or the way children are taught to love and it comes out in

the next generation: seeing love in a marriage and learning from example to forgive, to live in peace with each other. Seeds are sown and grow – how to love and forgive, how to share with our neighbour, how to face death. . When we remember our dead, what comes to mind is what they taught us about life.



**A** lot of the best in life is waiting. Important moments come in God's time. So much of life is based on trust. Fr. Donal Neary

#### PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN MASS ATTENDANCE—WELCOME BACK!

We have now returned to our normal Mass Schedule in accordance with current Government Guidelines.

- We <u>will not</u> have a booking system in place so please come along in good time.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times when in the Churches and Parish Centre.
- Please use Sanitizer provided.
- Social Distance of 2 metres must be maintained.
- Please only occupy seats which are marked.
- There are some seats designated for families and our volunteers will guide you to these areas if required.
- Please observe markings in the aisles when going to receive Holy Communion.
- Please assist in wiping the area where you were seated at the end of Mass wipes will be provided.
- Please place offerings in the containers in the porch as you enter or leave.
- Exit slowly from the back please do not rush the exits.
- Please do not assemble outside the church doors.
- Our Masses will also continue to be Live Streamed and broadcast on the Radio.

#### For Live Streaming of Mass from either St. Paul's or Butlerstown Church Just click or go to the links below:

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST. PAUL'S https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-s

LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN

https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/buttlerstown

### RADIO: Morning Mass from St. Paul's Church may be heard on the Radio 107.9FM CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**St Paul's Church** weekdays 11am - 1.00pm. **Butlerstown Church** daily 12.00 to 4.00pm

Please wear a face mask, use sanitizer provided and observe social distancing.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (St. Paul's Group) Collection** will take place this weekend. Many thanks for your continued support.



for this week's Faith @ Home visit www.waterfordlismore.ie Resources

## The Mustard Seed

It may be only a mustard seed As it leaves my hand today So by faith I plant that mustard seed and send it on its way.

To do those things I cannot do If I never let it go To bring a harvest to my life Is the reason I must sow.

If the birds can lodge on limbs of faith Created by that seed Then God can do the same for me And bless my life indeed.

But with the blessings of that life I'm challenged I must give From God's abundant harvest So that others may also live.

That mustard seed I plant today Will never have an end It will bless for generations As long as I begin. **By Paul Tsika.** 



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#### **'IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED'**

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers



included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea.

In Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' -On Care for Our Common Home, he reminds us that Jesus 'was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder' (Laudato Si', 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20). 'The very flowers of the field and the birds which [Christ's] human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence' (Laudato Si', 100). As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation. Jane Mellett