

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish Facebook

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

There is no timetable for grief. It does not pay attention to calendars or clocks, because it can appear at any time.

However it does pay attention to love, support, and community. When I know others have suffered a loss, what are some ways I can reach out to show care?

LIVE STREAMING Mass and other services (including weddings and funeral masses) are live streamed from our churches on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-paul-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

MALCOLM HOME

DARREN DUNPHY & his Grandfather

THOMAS deCOURCEY

MICHAEL BARRY

PAT QUINN

MAY & JOHN JOE REVILLE

RICHARD BROWN

MARGARET DEVEREUX & her

husband JOHN & Family

BELVEDERE RESIDENTS

BERNIE PURCELL

ANNIE KEATING

VINCENT POWELL

Butlerstown

ANN ENNIS

MARY ROCHE

MICHAEL CORBETT

May they Rest in Peace.



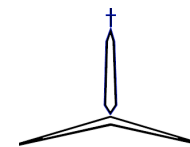
*Lord our God,
loving Father,
Mary went with haste to
visit her cousin Elizabeth
in her hour of need.*

*May we too rejoice in the
Lord when we can hurry
to see people
to bring them the Lord
as we share in their needs
and their joys.*

*With Mary, may we
Become a blessing to
them.*

*We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



15th of August 2021 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.'
(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Triona Doherty



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 **will not** 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.



For this week's Faith @ Home visit
<https://waterfordlismore.ie/resources>

Luke 1:39-56 The story and the song of Mary are both celebrating the work of God in her life.

When have you been particularly grateful for what was happening in your life?

How did you express and celebrate your thanks?

Mary is praised for believing that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. How has your trust in God's promise to be with you helped you in your life?

Read the Magnificat a few times, let your attention stay with whatever words you are drawn to. Place yourself in the position of the one saying the prayer. Let it be your prayer of thanksgiving for your own life.

 **DONATE**

DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation to Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown please click the **Donate Button** on our website.
www.stpaulschurch.ie/

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant
Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



TAKE MY HAND

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall
I am nervous when I'm walking
And on you I humbly call,
Guide me over every crossing
Watch me when I'm on the stairs
Let me know that you're beside me
Listen to my fervent prayer.

Bring me to my destination
Safely, every single day.
Help me with every undertaking,
As the hours pass away.
And when evening falls upon us
And I fear to be alone.
Take my hand O Blessed Mother
And protect me and my home.



GROTTO ROSARY

The Rosary will be offered at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (at the top of Browns Road) on Sunday, August 15th, the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 6.30pm. Prayers will be offered in intercession for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Bishop Phonsie will be joining us at the Grotto. All are welcome.

The one who prays is never alone, in fact Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus's name. Pope Francis.