

PARISH INFORMATION

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Facebook: St Pauls Church Lisduggan.

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

*Let those words,
'to whom shall I go, Lord',
echo in your prayer
and talk to the Lord about how you feel.
Lord we pray for support and strength in
our following of you.*

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

BREDA FINN

BERNIE McGRATH

ALICE ANN JEAN O'LEARY

MARY SULLIVAN

BERNADETTE FITZPATRICK

CATHERINE & THOMAS HALLIGAN

CATHERINE O'NEILL (A & B Rem)

PATRICK FLYNN (B Rem)

KITTY COOPER O'NEILL (MM)

CARMEL McDONALD

MARY O'CONNELL

THERESA O'KEEFFE

PADDY LUCAS

BELVEDERE RESIDENTS

WILLIAM BUTLER

ALICE & DAVEY HARNEY

TERRY & FRANK LEAHY

PADDY GRANT

ELIZABETH GRANT (B Rem)

NOREEN & JOHN DALTON

Butlerstown

DOMINIC HEARNE (MM)

CATHERINE

& CATHERINE ANN POWER

May they Rest in Peace.

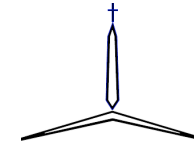


Lord we thank you for the people who by their Christ like actions encourage us to follow you even in times of difficulty because as you said you are the Way that leads to eternal life.

Forgive us Lord for the times we let our doubts and lack of faith prevent us from following Jesus who is always waiting on us to call on him for help.

Lord help us never to become bitter or give up our values but to realise God is always there to help us try again.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



22nd of August 2021 - 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.'

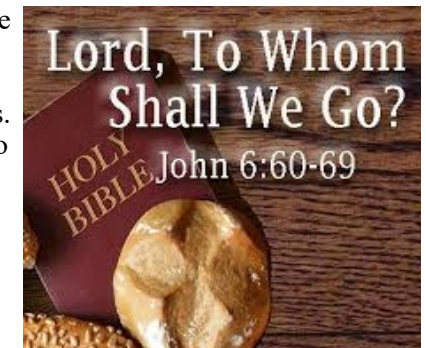
Leap of Faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

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>

*'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'
(Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No.10)*

DINNER DELIVERIES.

Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday
hot meals delivered to the door for parishioners who are elderly, unable to get out or who are living alone. Contact Sharon Coady 0892241096 for any enquires

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/

**CEMETERY MASS BUTLERSTOWN
25TH OF AUGUST**

Our Annual Cemetery Mass in Butlerstown will take place on Wednesday 25th of August at 7pm.

A prayer for Afghanistan

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are staying: safety

For those who are fighting: peace

For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort

For those who see no future: hope

Lord, may the words we use today and every day be words of kindness, words of humour and goodwill: words that come from the overflowing of a loving heart. Amen.

Brother Nicholas Hutchinson FSC

The birds they sang
at the break of day
Start again

I heard them say
Don't dwell on what
has passed away
or what is yet to be.

Leonard Cohen

Our Choices

We remember big and small choices in life. Ones that effected life totally like a job, marriage, retirement, redundancy; having an operation or many more. Or Choices about the children that effected their lives – school, moving house, health issues.

Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices.

Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed, and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me?

The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.

Fr. Donal Neary