

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

As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others.

Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them.

For whom have you also been a source of life?

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/butlerstown> 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

JOAN WALSH

MICHAEL WALSH

GERARD McENERY

PADRAIC McKEOWN

CATHERINE FURLONG

BERNIE O'BYRNE (Birthday Rem)

MARGARET, BILLY &

CATHY McCARTHY

RICHARD MURPHY

PAUL SULLIVAN

FR. RICHARD O'CARROLL OFM BR

BRIDGET & LAWRENCE O'BRIEN

LEE SALKELD (Birthday Rem)

JIM DOYLE (who died recently)

May they Rest in Peace.



Lord

When we stumble and fall, - lift us up.

When doubts assail us—give us faith.

When nothing seems sure—give us trust.

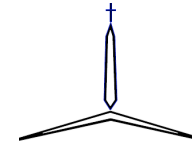
When ideals fade—give us vision.

When we lose our way—be our guide.

That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. Amen.

John D Ray

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



1st of August 2021 - EIGHTEENTH 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.'

Food that Satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food – eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment – bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.'

As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

Triona Doherty

I am
the living
bread
that came
down from
heaven.

John 6:51



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/butlerstown>

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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND 1st August. Thank you for your ongoing support

ST. PAUL'S SCOUT GROUP

New members welcome from September. We cater for boys and girls from the age of six to eighteen years.
Beavers 6-9 years, Cubs 9-12 years
Scouts 12-16 years, Venture 16-18 years.
We are also recruiting leaders for beaver and cub sections anyone interested please contact Breda Murphy at bmurphstpauls@outlook.ie or on our facebook page St. Paul's Scout Group.



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

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
MONDAY 2ND OF AUGUST
Mass in St. Paul's Church at
10.30am.**

PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT MELLERAY ABBEY WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST



**Prayers , Confession, Rosary Walk
Visit to shop , Café
Short talk from a member of the
Community**

The group will be meeting at 2.00pm in Mount Melleray Church for prayers followed by a short talk from a member of the community and confession. There will be an opportunity to visit the café and shop. Finally, there will be rosary walk on the grounds of the monastery.

Travel to Mount Melleray will be by your own transport. All are welcome.

ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA (1491-1556)

31ST. JULY Do everything for the glory of God. Ignatius wrote over 7000 letters. His writings then were an encouragement in the way of the 'dialogue and friendship' that Pope Francis refers to in his prayer-intention for this month. This year we unite with the Jesuits in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the conversion of Ignatius.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

- John 6:24-35

Our Christian faith is centred on a person, not on a book. The gospel is the book of life because it is the book of Jesus. Jesus is our life because he comes from God. So we call this at times the bread of heaven.

What more ordinary ways can heaven and earth be linked than in the most ordinary of foods? In another country he might have said he is the 'rice' of life. It means that in the ordinary events of our lives, God is very near in Jesus. He makes his home in us as the bread we eat becomes part of us. *Fr. Donal Neary.*

GOSPEL JOHN 6:24-35

We return here again to the fallout from Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes. The crowd is depicted as searching enthusiastically for Jesus but when they find him he confronts them on their motivation, saying they must look beyond their full stomachs to see what God is saying to them through what has taken place.

What God is asking of them is that they believe in the one he has sent. In the fourth gospel faith is not a concept, it is an activity. Believing in Jesus is the equivalent of doing the work that God wants because it involves a personal relationship, an abiding in him. However, the crowd don't understand and look for a sign such as their ancestors received.

The irony is that they have just such a sign in front of them but they fail to see it. Jesus tells them he is the true bread, not like the manna, but the bread of God's word that satisfies the deepest human hunger. They are invited to nourish themselves on the bread of life, in other words to come to know and believe in Jesus.

Sean Goan