

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish

Prayer for Grandparents

By Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their
families strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardian of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on, to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which You give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

Weekend Mass Times for St. Paul's & Butlerstown

St. Paul's

6.00 p.m. (Vigil)

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

Butlerstown

10.00am



NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

BROADCAST LIVE 3PM

KNOCK BASILICA

Taking place virtually at 3pm,

Sunday 13th September

www.knockshrine.ie/watch

ANNIVERSARIES

St. Paul's

MICHAEL BARRY (MM)

**His brothers ROBERT & DENIS
& his sisters MARY & CHRISIE**

JOHN KINSELLA

RITA COLLOPY

JOAN FORAN

RICHARD CLEARY

ELLEN & THOMAS GRIFFIN

DICK GAMBLE

PATRICK BUTLER

DERMOT WYMBERY

PATTY LYNAGH

NAN O'MEARA

TOMMY DROHAN (br)

FR. COLM O'BRIEN & his mother

JOSIE O'BRIEN,

JOHN MORGAN,

MICHAEL MORRISEY

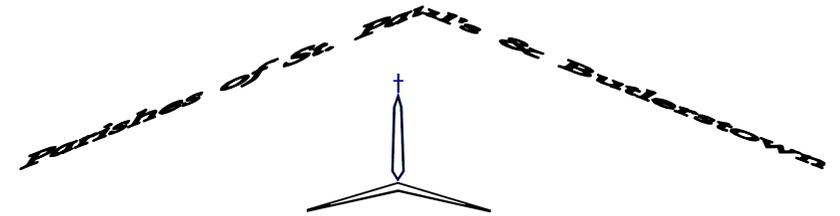
JIM TRACEY

Butlerstown

MARY ROCHE (MM)

CORA WALSH

May they Rest in Peace



13th of September 2020 - TWENTY-FOURTH 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.'*

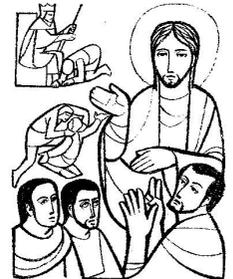
PEOPLE OF FORGIVENESS

The need to be people of forgiveness is not just a matter of Christian faith: it's also a matter of common sense. Many of us have met the kind of person who seems to lack the ability to let go of even rather small offences; the person who, on the one hand, has a memory like an elephant, but on the other hand, has a very poor memory, because they seem to have forgotten so much of the good they've experienced. It's as if so much of their memory's capacity is taken up with hurt there's no space left for blessings.

A person in that sad situation is, ironically, a very good advertisement for forgiveness, for rising above life's hurts. They can remind us of the common sense that tells us not to burden ourselves.

But what common sense asks of us is not easy, and the other place from which we get the logic of forgiveness and the ability to forgive is our faith. Here's a good general rule that we might bear in mind whenever we hear or read the Gospel: when Jesus teaches us something persistently, we can be sure of two things: it's possible, and it's difficult. In the Gospel we've just heard, Jesus very strongly teaches the need for forgiveness, and it's to him that we as Christians need to look, to find the ability to forgive.

Pope St John Paul once wrote: 'What does it mean to forgive, if not to appeal to a good that is greater than any evil?' He was referring to the forgiveness of appalling crimes and hurts, but even for lesser hurts, that insight is valid. To forgive is an act of human common sense; but to forgive as a Christian is to trust that God can work out all hurts and offences in his time and in his way.



Fr Chris Hayden

MATTHEW 18:21-35

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love.

In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

FORGIVENESS

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult. You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings – can you forgive? You were done out of a job because another lied to get it – can you forgive? The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, 'Lord, make my heart like yours'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us.

Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.



**Lord, I ask
– make my heart like yours.**

Fr. Donal Neary SJ

PARISH NOTICES

WEARING MASKS IN CHURCH PARISH OF ST PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN

We recommend that for the time being, it is better that masks be worn in the Church. If this causes particular difficulties for you, this recommendation does not apply.

AUTUMN COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place this weekend, the 13th of September. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ENVELOPE

DISTRIBUTORS for your continued help in distributing Collection Envelopes for Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ST PAUL'S REPOSITORY is now open as normal for Mass Cards, Religious Items, Holy Communion and Confirmation cards & gifts.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE is now open 9.15am to 12.45 Monday to Friday and 2 to 3pm on Tuesday afternoons.

MASS BOOKINGS ST PAUL'S CHURCH

To book Mass in St. Paul's Church please call in to the Parish Office in the Parish Centre. You can also ring us at 357730. Thank you.

DONATIONS

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

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

Our Mass Schedule both in St. Paul's Church and in Butlerstown Church has returned to normal!

Please note that there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass in this time of pandemic. Also, you can fulfil the Sunday obligation by attending Mass on a weekday if you so wish.

NB. It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television, or radio. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus, in accordance with public health advice.

ALL OUR SCHEDULED MASSES IN PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED.

Just use the web addresses below:

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

LIVE STREAMING FROM BUTLERSTOWN
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/butlerstown>

RADIO...Morning Mass from St. Paul's Church may be heard on the Radio on **107.9 FM**.

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY OPENING TIMES ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

St. Paul's Church will remain open each weekday after morning mass until 1.30pm. ***The Church will no longer be open in the afternoons.***

AFTERNOON OPENING BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

Butlerstown Church is open each day from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.