

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish

Weekend Mass Times for St. Paul's & Butlerstown

St. Paul's

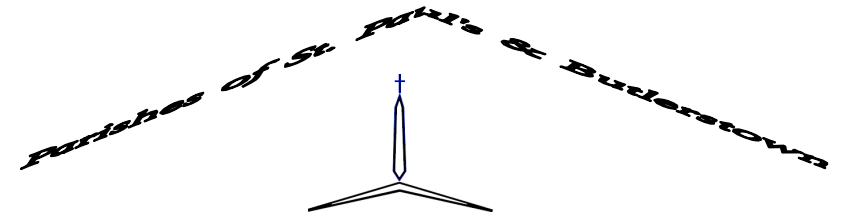
6.00 p.m. (Vigil)

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

Butlerstown

10.00am



209th of September 2020 - TWENTY-FIFTH 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.'

REMEMBERED FOR OUR ATTITUDE

Lord, most of us will not become well-known
or be written about because of great achievements,
but we will be remembered
for our attitude towards individuals.
Inspire us, Lord, to live in your presence
so that we may transform this day
by being positive in attitude,
looking for the best in people and situations. Amen.

Brother Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC



FOR THE DECEASED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

Father, your Son declared "blessed"
all those who mourn,
knowing that no-one can mourn
unless they love very much.

Bring courage and strength to those
who now mourn because they have loved greatly.

In your loving kindness bring them healing
and inner peace,
and lead the one they mourn into your kingdom of
light, happiness, and peace. Amen.

Brother Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC

ANNIVERSARIES

St. Paul's

CATHERINE (DOLLY) CLEERE

BETTY FLYNN

PEARL WALSH

BREDA QUIGLEY

THE WHITE FAMILY

PATRICK QUINN (MM)

HENRY POWER (MM)

JACK McENERY

**KATHLEEN O'BRIEN & her
husband MARTIN,**

PA JACOB

CAITLIN DeFAOITE

THE DOHERTY FAMILY

MARY GLYNN

EDDIE CAULFIELD

MARY WHELAN (Birthday Rem)

NELLIE & DOREEN CONNOLLY

JIM TRACY (Birthday Rem)

SHEILA O'KEEFFE

May they Rest in Peace



MATHEMATICS

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

What all the workers in Jesus' story have in common, irrespective of the time of day they were taken on by the landowner, is that they've been hired, they've been given something to do. Before the landowner approached them, they were standing idle; then each and every one of them was given a task. That's where they are all equal; not in the amount of work they've put in, but in the fact that if they hadn't been approached by the landowner, they would all still be idle.

In a way, those who did most work benefitted most: they were given a task, a purpose, a sense of worth, earlier in the day. The others were idle, purposeless, for longer. But when pay-time came along, the sense of gratitude for being called to work was outweighed by mathematics.

Jesus' story, of course, is not about mathematics or rates of pay. It's about the fact that God calls us – all of us. It is by God's grace and blessing that we find a sense of purpose and meaning in our lives. It is as disciples of Jesus that we are invited to live through each day, and when the end of the day comes, the right attitude is not: 'Have I been properly compensated for my efforts to live as a Christian this day?' No – the right attitude is: 'Thank you, Lord, for having brought me to this day, for bringing me through it, for helping me to do whatever good I've done, for bearing with me in my shortcomings.' That's the end-of-day attitude for disciples.



Fr Chris Hayden

GOSPEL REFLECTION Matthew 20 1-16

Can we allow God to be so good to everyone? The parable today is about the generosity of God, not an encouragement to idleness nor a way out of finding employment for our people, each of whom has the right to work.

It is Jesus using an unusual example from life to highlight the unconditional love of God, stressing as he so often did, that God's love depends on God, not on our good works.

Is Jesus pointing the way to the first truth of our faith: that God is good in love to all? From believing that in the heart, we are empowered to love others like him, or try to.

It is only human to object to this approach. We very often repay love with love, and withdraw love when it is not given.

Pope Francis writes: "There are two aspects of love. First, love is more about giving than receiving. Second, love is more about deeds than words. Love is always given or transmitted to another, he said, and "love always gives life, fosters growth." (Feast of the Sacred Heart 2016).

The joy of God is in giving love. He calls on us to enjoy his giving of love to everyone, even the ones we do not think deserve it.

Teach me, Lord to be generous in love, as you are to me and to all.

Donal Neary SJ

When God is generous and merciful to other people, he is not being unfair to us. He is simply being God. Our understanding of God, then, needs to change and we need to let God be God.

'Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

PARISH PASTORAL WORKER

The Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus & St. Marys, Waterford is inviting applications for the position of Parish Pastoral Worker. Applicants must have a primary degree in theology/religious education, or equivalent, as well as relevant experience.

Closing date for receipt of applications, including Curriculum Vitae, is Friday, 2nd October 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Please send to

liampowerwaterford@gmail.com.

Shortlisting will take place immediately thereafter. Interviews are scheduled to take place in October 2020. The Job Description is available from the Parish Office at parishofficejbm@gmail.com

LOVING WORDS

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.



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

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.

GROTTO ROSARY AT BELVEDERE

GROTTO will take place every Thursday at 6.30pm

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.

VOCATIONS

"Seek the Lord while He is still to be found..." (Isaiah 55: 6)

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, religious sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.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.