

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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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



### Twelve Months in a Row by Annette Wynne

Twelve months in a row,  
Use them well and let them go;  
Welcome them without a fear,  
Let them go without a tear—

Twelve months in a year;  
Greet the passing miracle,  
Spring and summer beautiful,  
Autumn, winter, gliding on,  
Glorious seasons quickly  
gone—

God's treasures in a row,  
Take them, love them,  
let them go



### Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to them today?

This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;  
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who  
came along?

Or a churlish sort of "Hi" and then vanish in the  
throng?

Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along  
the way,

Or is someone very grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's  
slipping fast,

That you helped a single person of the many that you  
passed?

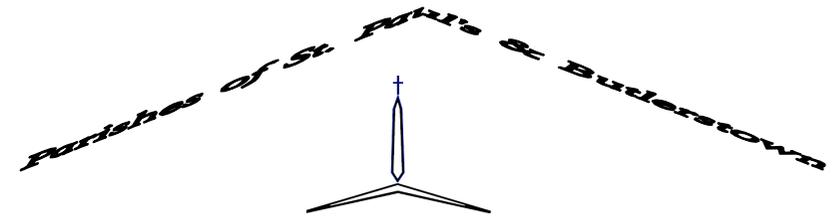
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

Does someone whose hopes were fading now with  
courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely  
spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of  
discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that  
God would say, You have earned one more tomorrow  
by the work you did today? *Edgar Guest*



2nd of August 2020 - 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.'*

## NOT ENOUGH

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.

We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies.

**'Give something, however small, to one in need.  
For it is not small to one who has nothing.  
Neither is it small to God,  
if we have given what we could.'**

St. Gregory of Nazianzus



## Giving in Abundance

John the Baptist has been beheaded. Jesus, too, is in danger and so he withdraws to a lonely place with his disciples. The crowds follow him; he is filled with pity for them and heals the sick. When the disciples suggest that the people leave in order to get something to eat, Jesus again responds in compassion and feeds over five thousand from the meagre rations of a small travelling group.

The theme of humanity having too little and Christ's love expressed through giving in abundance weaves its way through the ministry of Jesus from Cana to Calvary. Six jars of water become the best of wine at Cana. From five loaves and two fish, over five thousand are fed with twelve full baskets left over on the shores of a lake. And on Calvary, blood and water gush from his pierced side, sprinkling the nascent Church in the persons of the Virgin Mary and St John. Through him all things are made new – water into wine, five loaves and two fish feed five thousand, and a pierced side in death gives birth to his Church.

This abundance of divine love is freely given, as expressed in the prophet Isaiah in the first reading 'You who have no money, come ... drink wine and milk.' In this way, God becomes poor in order that humanity may be enriched. Only in accepting the overflow of God's presence, his tender mercy and his love, and the giving of that love to the other without calculating a cost, can the deepest hunger of the human soul be truly satisfied.



## BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIME ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

ON MONDAY 3rd of AUGUST  
MASS AT 10.30am



## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

- The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off and be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow, he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side, in order to reach out to another.
- When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and responded to them. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person?



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

## 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](http://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.

*We look forward to welcoming you back to our Churches of St. Paul's and Butlerstown.*



## TRUST THAT SETS US FREE

It's under the shadow of John the Baptist's death that pity moves Jesus to heal the sick and feed the crowd.

It's under the shadow of the cross that he gives himself to the Twelve as food and drink.

The threat of death, far from constraining him as it might us, prompts Jesus to extraordinary gestures of love. Nothing, he knows, can separate him from the love of God. So too for us, Paul writes.

Not one of the many things we dread has power to undo Christ's love for us. Yet fear lurks deep in the human psyche. Working with the Spirit we can face our fears and cultivate a habit of trust that sets us free

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A young woman lost in the desert made her way to an old weather-beaten, abandoned, home in the distance. Searching for water, she came upon a pump outside the house and began pumping furiously for water. After several attempts and seeing nothing flowing, her eye saw a small jug topped with a cork and a hastily scribbled note underneath. "You have to prime the pump with water first. When you're finished refill the jug.

The young woman sat and pondered her options. If she drank the water, her thirst would be gone, but if she followed the note's instructions, all the water could be lost on a pump that might not work.

Sweating profusely, she listened to her frightened pounding heart...and chose to pour the entire jug of water down the rusty pump and furiously pumped! After some time water gushed forth. She was so grateful, she corked the jug after filling it full again. Then added these words to the note: "Just do it. It really, really works. Like the woman we can drink from the jug ensuring primary satisfaction or we can choose to prime the pump" *Angela Davis*

**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/buttlerstown>  
**AFTERNOON OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES:**

**St. Paul's Church** is open each day from 2.00 p.m - 4.00 p.m.

**Butlerstown Church** is open each day (Mon - Sat) from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.