

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish

Weekend Mass Times for St. Paul's & Butlerstown

St. Paul's

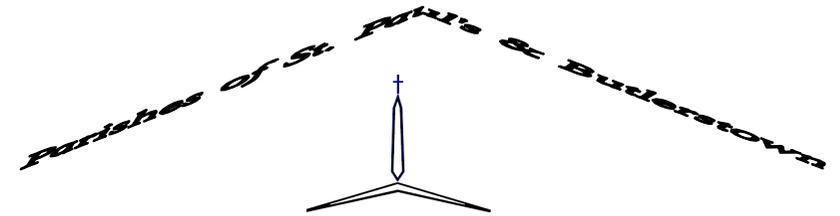
6.00 p.m. (Vigil)

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

Butlerstown

10.00am



16th of August 2020 - TWENTIETH 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.'

ON THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us, especially those who are afflicted by doubt and sadness, and live with their gaze turned down, unable to raise their glance.

Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is awaiting us.



She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us. Like every mother she wants the best for her children and she says to us: 'You are precious in God's eyes; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven'.

Yes, because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

Pope Francis, Feast of the Assumption, 2019

Lord, you guide us in mysterious ways. Sometimes we experience rejection and feel so deeply hurt that we go away somewhere where no one knows us, like Jesus withdrawing to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

But in your providence some Canaanite woman is there waiting for us, to ask for our help, but also to give us a new understanding of faith.

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Lord Jesus, we thank You for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May Your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice what Your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, Your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word.

Fighting for her child

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook.



Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further – he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed ones of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary – she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.

Lord, I believe.

Strengthen my faith.

Fr. Donal Neary

*O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock,
You gave hope to your people in a time of distress,
and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow.
Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope,
as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.*



*“O woman, great is your faith!
Be it done for you as you desire.”
Matthew 15:28*

The Lord does not turn away in the face of our needs And, if at times He seem insensitive to our requests for help, it is in order to put to the test and to strengthen our faith. We must continue to cry out like this woman: “Lord, help me! Lord help me!”
Pope Francis



At the time of the Feast of the Assumption, we might pray again the above ‘Prayer of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary,’ introduced by Archbishop Eamon Martin in March this year (the full text is available on www.catholicbishops.ie). In it, we pray for the protection of Mary in these difficult times, particularly for those who are sick and those who minister to them. As someone who knew deep suffering, we can always turn to our Mother Mary in our pain and distress.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
Matthew 15:21-28**

Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?

In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge – we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?

Who are the ‘Canaanite women’ who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

John Byrne OSA

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.

St Paul’s Parish Office is closed until Monday 31st of August. For Mass Bookings and other enquiries, please contact the Sacristy at Mass Times.

St Paul’s Repository is now open as normal for Mass Cards, Religious Items, Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts.

VOCATIONS

Matthew 15:21-28)
“Woman, you have great faith.”

It takes faith to hear God’s call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love.

Is God calling you to a life as a priest or sister, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation’s Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie



VACANCY—MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT BUTLERSTOWN CHURCH

Community Employment Programme

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

Duties

- Pruning shrubs & Trimming trees,
- Cutting Grass & weeding,
- Planting/maintaining landscaping,
- Clean and maintain indoor and outdoor areas as directed by management.

Contract Type: Temporary
Employer Name: Compact Community CLG
Hours: 19.5 hours per week
Wages: Community Employment Rates
Vacancy Reference: CES-2153044
Contact Georgina Kiely Power on mobile :086/8874891 or email: Georgina.kielypower@compactcommunity.ie

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

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 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Faith is different from proof; the latter is human, the former is a Gift from God.

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