

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish

## Weekend Mass Times for St. Paul's & Butlerstown

### St. Paul's

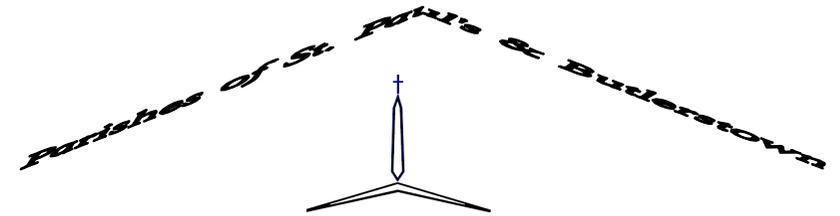
6.00 p.m. (Vigil)

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

### Butlerstown

10.00am



26th of July, 2020 - SEVENTEENTH 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.'

### Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.



### Grant me Protection

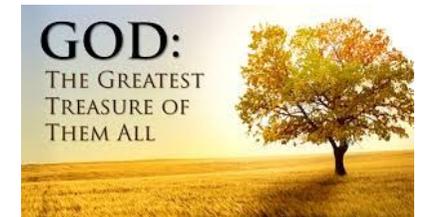
Grant, O Lord, Thy protection  
And in protection, strength  
And in strength, understanding  
And in understanding, knowledge  
And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice  
And in the knowledge of justice, the love of it  
And in the love of it, the love of all existences  
And in that love, the love of spirit and all creation.



### Treasure

Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Matthew 13, with its parables on the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew uses this phrase to describe what our world might be like if we really lived like Jesus lives. This vision is not one focused on power, even though the word 'kingdom' might be misleading! It is more a web of relationships. Like the seed parables show us, God's Kingdom grows quietly, in unexpected places; like seeds, it sometimes grows in the darkness, unseen.

Today's parable focuses on treasure, something very precious. When we are obsessed with finding something, it consumes us. We will put all our resources, time or money, into finding it. In this parable, Jesus urges us to strive for *the* ultimate treasure, i.e. God.



During the Covid-19 crisis, many people have been thinking about what is most important in their lives. A break from the 'rat race' forced all of us to slow down, to step back, to 'pull the emergency brake.' We saw who the real heroes in our society are. We witnessed many acts of kindness and community spirit. We stepped back, paused. No doubt, things will not be the same again after this pandemic. But hopefully we will have awakened to what our 'treasure' really is.

***'Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.'***

Arundhati Roy, 'The Pandemic is a Portal,' *Financial Times*

Jane Mellett

## What's Your Treasure?

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story. Your treasure? What would you really want never to lose? What's your treasure? Money, reputation, home. Some things have more relevance to life than others. 'I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love.' Family – parents sell a lot – give up a lot for their children and to give them the best. Education an example. Or holidays.

We have different needs in life – food, shelter, education, meaning, love.....one does not replace the other, but we can live without some.

As people we look for what's most important in life? The love of God; deep and enduring friendships. Success after hard work in school. These are the treasures, the pearls. These are what cannot be lost and are worth sacrificing others good things for.

The treasure is also in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times like floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history. The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.

*Thy Kingdom Come, Lord Jesus*



Donal Neary SJ.

Lord, we thank you for people of faith: – ordinary people like our grandparents or elders in our parish community. They have developed an extraordinary serenity in facing their problems. They are like people who have chanced on a huge treasure that was hidden in a field, who have hidden it again and gone off perfectly happy because they went and bought the field, and now they know that they have nothing to worry about for the rest of their lives.



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

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Lord Jesus, send Your Spirit to help us read the Scriptures with the same mind that You read them to the disciples on the way to Emmaus. In the light of the Word, written in the Bible, You helped them to discover the presence of God in the disturbing events of Your sentence and death. Thus, the cross that seemed to be the end of all hope became for them the source of life and of resurrection.

Create silence in us so that we may listen to Your voice in Creation and in the Scriptures, in events and in people, above all in the poor and suffering. May Your word guide us so that we too, like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, may experience the force of Your resurrection and witness to others that You are alive in our midst as source of fraternity, justice and peace.



### 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.*

### Until Now

I stand in a stream of madness  
And take a moment to still my fears.  
In the aisles of dreams and sadness,  
You were there throughout the years.

Like branches green above me,  
Your loving kindness gently spread.  
On pillars strong, your faithfulness  
And mercy shades my head.

Through times of trial and sickness  
And times of great despair,  
Though times of joyous rapture,  
I see your handwork there.

When I turn and look before me  
At the avenue ahead,  
The birds sing in their branches -  
Their feathered rainbows spread.

And yet there's still a distance,  
For my journey's not yet done.  
More joy, more trials and triumphs,  
More battles to be won.

When the storm clouds gather 'round me,  
To find my way, I know not how,  
But thus far, the Lord has helped me,  
And I know He won't stop now.

**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>  
**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.