

PARISH INFORMATION

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Butlerstown Parish

Weekend Mass Times for St. Paul's & Butlerstown

St. Paul's

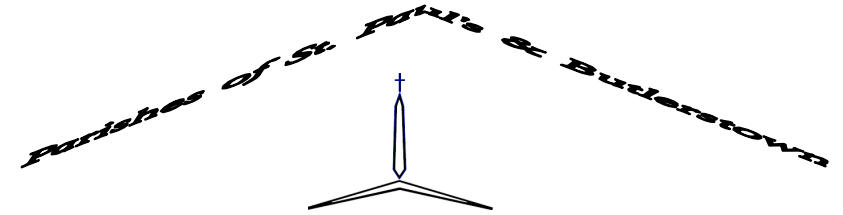
6.00 p.m. (Vigil)

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

Butlerstown

10.00am



19th of July, 2020 - SIXTEENTH 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.'

A Mustard Seed

It's impossible your head tells you.

There's just too much to do

Hope is lost.

But still...

Don't you have at least a little bit of faith?

A tiny seed.

Inside there's a plan

A hope a dream of great possibilities.

Within a small seed of faith

Resides all the power of God.

Plant the seed. Water it carefully, lovingly.

Then let the Lord take control.

In even just a shred of faith in God

You'll find promises -

Of Christ's victory in your life.

Of faith moving mountains.



An Evenings Stroll by Ed Blair

When July's sun has spent her
fierceness on the sweltering earth;
I love to ramble then along the
narrow banks of dear Elm Creek
And be for one short hour a boy
again.

To make the rocks skip o'er the
waters smooth
And see the frogs plunge from the
water's edge,

And hear the gentle cooing of the
dove

Among the elms and from the
distant hedge.

Oh, boyhood days ne'er come so
near to me

As in these strolls in Summer eve's
twilight;

I view again the scenes I love so
well

And watch the gentle coming of the
night.

Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed, and grew with the plan of God. The love of God grows like that – it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage – love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

Fr. Donal Neary S.J.



Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43



The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see that not everything is right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning through mistakes, stupid questions, or foolish risks?

The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

John Byrne OSA

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

The Mustard Seed By Paul Toika

It may be only a mustard seed
As it leaves my hand today
So by faith I plant that mustard seed
And send it on its way.

To do those things I cannot do
If I never let it go
To bring a harvest to my life
Is the reason I must sow.

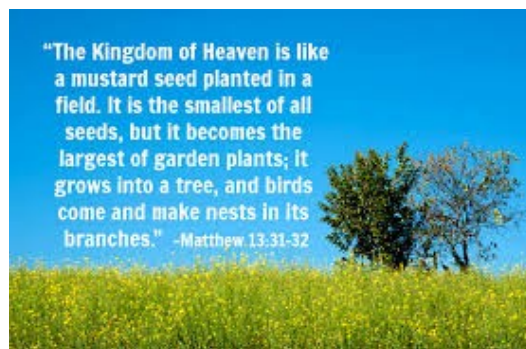
If the birds can lodge on limbs of faith
Created by that seed
Then God can do the same for me
And bless my life indeed.

But with the blessings of that life
I'm challenged I must give
From God's abundant harvest
So that others may also live

That mustard seed I plant today
Will never have an end
It will bless for generations
As long as I begin.

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

Many thanks to volunteers who are helping us to abide by the regulations for health and safety.



Celebrating the Sacraments – Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown Dates for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation		
Presentation Primary School – Sacraments to be celebrated in St. Paul's Church		
First Reconciliation	18 th August	Two Celebrations 5.00pm & 6.30pm
First Holy Communion	25 th /26 th /27 th August	6.00pm Each Evening
Confirmation	29 th August	Two Celebrations 11.00am & 2.00pm
St Paul's National School – Sacraments to be celebrated in St. Paul's Church		
Confirmation	28 th August	Two Celebrations 11.00am & 2.00pm
First Reconciliation	16 th September	6.30pm
First Holy Communion	19 th September	Two celebrations 11am & 2.00pm
Scoil Mhuire, Butlerstown - Sacraments to be celebrated in Butlerstown Church		
Confirmation	21 st August	Two Celebrations 11.00am & 2.00pm
First Reconciliation	20 th August	6.00pm
First Holy Communion	22nd August	Two Celebrations 11.00am & 2.00pm

MASS & SERVICES FROM ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN CHURCHES

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. Please notice separate entrance and exit, use hand sanitizer and follow directions inside to help with social distancing.

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

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS IN PARISHES OF ST. PAUL'S & BUTLERSTOWN

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.