

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



*Difficult because we think that happiness is found
Only in the places where wealth and fame abound.
And so we go on searching in palaces of pleasure
Seeking recognition and monetary treasure,
Unaware that happiness
is just a state of mind
Within the reach of everyone
who takes time to be kind.
For in making others happy we will be happy, too.
For the happiness you give away returns to shine on you.*

From Help Yourself To Happiness by Helen Steiner Rice

Lord, we pray for those
who are called to undertake some
burden:

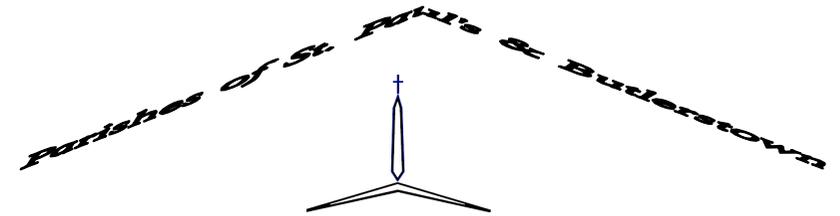
- to accept death or illness;
- to forgive an enemy;
- to let a loved one go;
- to involve themselves in a
struggle for justice.

Help them to put their trust in you.



The Power of the Word

As a retired teacher, I'm often surprised at what some of my former pupils remember. It would be less embarrassing on occasions if they conveniently forgot. "I remember you saying one time. ..." and out it comes, if not word for word, at least in its general thrust as they heard it. Even merely spoken words can have an extraordinary life-span. Sometimes we remember things our parents said, long after they are gone; their words are not dead so long as we are alive and recall them. What's true of the ordinary word is even more true of God's. That's what's stressed in today's readings.



12th of July, 2020 - FIFTEENTH 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.'*

THE FRUIT OF EFFORT *Matthew 13:1-23*

A big point of this story is about the fruits – 30, 60, 100 fold.
When we work at love or faith, the deeper things of life, something
good happens.

We try to hand on faith in the family and school situations.
Sometimes you feel you see little for your work. Or love – the
same. Or you give time to the family in many ways and may see
little for the return of love.

The consoling point of the story – you never know when you will
get fruit. Love given is never lost. Like dropping something into
the river, you never know where it will end up. Love given to
children in the family also bears fruit in the next generation. We
never know.

Part of life is trial and effort. Jesus was the same. He threw out
love like the sower throws out the seed. He knows it may fall badly. But he gives it
anyway. He gave love on Calvary to
everyone. God is like that. It may take years
to flower. God doesn't stint the seed, nor
does he stint love.

Donal Neary SJ



How do we listen?

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on how to listen, and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land, and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our 'soil' in?

Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be weathered, broken down; it can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs organic matter such as compost. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared.

We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, and at times have manure thrown at us. This can either close us down and harden our hearts, or it can open us up help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered. Like the soil, we must take care of our bodies, hearts, and minds, adopt a holistic approach to our well-being.

The lesson on 'hearing' in the Gospel today is also important. How do we listen? Do we listen or read God's word while being distracted by many things, or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes each day? How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one eye on our phone? There is a great richness in the text today, spend time with it. Perhaps about how you might prepare better the soil for planting. Jane Mellett



For Jesus, the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn.



*Yet, the lessons of kindness and love you taught me
And the good things in life you've helped me see.
Linger as lasting gifts that comfort and will sustain
Until I journey to that peaceful shore
And see you again.*



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!

In order to accommodate parishioners safely, it will be necessary to contact the **Parish Office** to reserve your place for the Mass you wish to attend. The parish office can be contacted at **051-357730 Monday to Friday between 9-30 am and 1pm., and from 2p.m to 3p.m on Tuesdays.**

Your reservation will be held for you for the same Mass each week. There will not be a requirement to reserve each week!

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.

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>

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

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm

