

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



Lord, prayer is experiencing
that it is really you
who are there with us,
feeling the urge to go beyond
our limitations and to hear you
say that we can do it;
then when we suddenly become
aware of the risk we have taken
and feel afraid,
to experience that you have put out your
hand and held us. Thank you, Lord.



Remember a time when all you seemed to
have was God; thank him.
Or recall when all you needed was God;
ask him now for help.
Lord, in you I put my trust

Lord, we thank you for faithful friends,
the kind that when we feel the force of the
wind and take fright,
we only have to say "Save me!"
and at once they put out their hands
and hold us.

The moment we cease to hold each other, the
moment we break faith with one another,
the sea engulfs us and the light goes
out." ...James Baldwin

SLOW DOWN

Lord, teach me how to stand
still.

To switch off, to lean on a gate;
To sit and look at your beautiful
world.

Teach me how to leave the
phone off,

To slacken speed,

To lie in the sun without
feeling that I should be doing
something.

Teach me, Lord, to stop, to stop
fussing,

To stop working at it,

To stop keeping on bravely,

To stop doing it for myself...

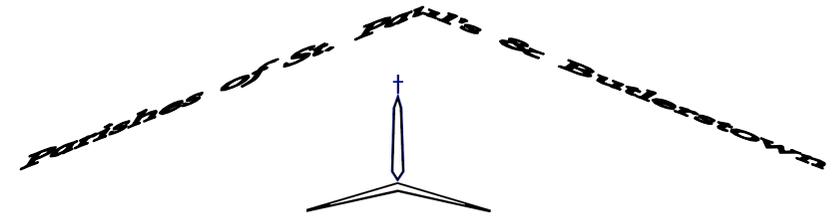
Teach me Lord, to stop, to look,
to listen.

To be still in my mind
when I stop.

To see beauty when I look.

To hear you when I listen.

By: David Kosoff



9th of August 2020 - NINETEENTH 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.'

That Sinking Feeling

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking.

What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink.

Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

Triona Doherty



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

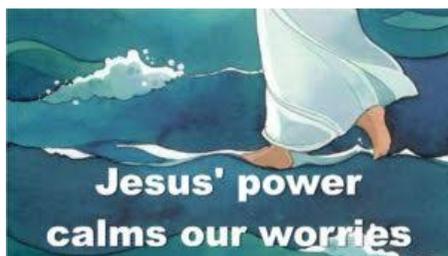
The story in this Gospel illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.

When Jesus got into the boat, the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, helping to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?

The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear, Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?

The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God

John Byrne OSA



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A HAND TO BE HELD

A most strange gospel story – Jesus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust – an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in Jesus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great – but not the same as trusting in God.



In time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands.

Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death – he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter. God is a God with a human heart, and leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again – after the resurrection. Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways.

As Pope Francis says, '*When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well*' (June 2014).

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.

Sometimes you don't realize that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

VOCATIONS

"COURAGE! IT IS I! DO NOT BE AFRAID."

Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust.

If you are discerning your vocation, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie



HOLY DAY MASS TIMES , FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
St. Paul's : Vigil Mass on Friday at 7.30pm
Mass on Saturday at 8.30am, 11.30am and 6pm
Butlerstown: Mass at 10am on Saturday 15th

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:

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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>

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<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.