



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

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Masses at Mount Argus

Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Saturdays: 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)

Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Church Opening Hours

Sunday: 7.30 am to 5.00 pm

Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 pm

Blessing with the Relic of St Charles

Monday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 4.00 pm

Saturday after 11.00 am Mass

Sunday after 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm

Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Second Sunday of Easter

POPE FRANCIS (1936 – 2025)



The late Holy Father Pope Francis at Croke Park in 2018.

Below are edited (to fit the space, apologies) extracts from the Homily of Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin at the Mass celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral for Pope Francis, on Friday.

The 13th of March 2013 the newly elected Pope Francis walked out onto the balcony in his simple white cassock greeting us with the simple 'Buonasera'. There was a sense that this was something different. After a few words he bowed his head before us and asked for our prayers. Silence descended upon the Square in a profound moment of prayer. After he gave his blessing, he retired with the words to the crowd: 'Goodnight and rest well.' Yes, Pope Francis had arrived!

This is an opportunity for us, as he requested on that first night of his Pontificate, to pray for him. We remember how Pope Francis touched our hearts in his role as shepherd over the past twelve years and how he challenged us to be missionaries today. In one of his first interviews, he described himself as 'a sinner', he very much aware of his own woundedness. The many, well documented humble gestures, pointed to a man who chose the simple when grandeur was the norm. His great sense of humour was captured in many a photograph, that full, hearty laugh, which is so important on life's journey. These qualities enabled him to connect with people of all faiths and none and contributed to him being affectionately known as the 'People's Pope'. These were the obvious outward signs so much associated with Pope Francis, but of course there was a far deeper side to him.

For me Pope Francis was a holy man. For me, the most profound definition of holiness comes from the early Church theologian, Origen, he described holiness as 'seeing with the eyes of Christ'. I believe we can apply this understanding of holiness very comfortably to Pope Francis, a man who tried to see people and the world through the eyes of Christ. Holiness for him was not about perfection, it was about presence. Pope Francis was 'radical', not in a sense of breaking with Tradition, but rather he wanted to go back to the roots of the Gospel, to the encounter with Christ and share that encounter with the world in a joy filled, merciful way. His first trip in July 2013, was to the island of Lampedusa, the gateway for migrants from Africa to Europe. Pope Francis' presence announced to the world that migrants are people with a story, a dignity, they are not merely some statistic that we can ignore. Within weeks of his election, for Holy Thursday he went to a local prison and washed the feet of prisoners, men and women, some of Christian faith and others from different faith traditions. From the beginning he was showing us that real leadership kneels in service before the other. The Church he believed in was a Church that walked with the wounded, a place where the forgotten would finally be seen. Compassion was more important than condemnation and mercy came before any judgement.

In recent months and weeks, we could see how Pope Francis' health was failing. Day by day his physical weakness became more evident.

Finally, His quiet determination saw him appear on the balcony of St Peter's on Easter Sunday to pray for peace in the many troubled areas of our world, to call for a cessation of war, to wish us a Happy Easter and impart his blessing. Then one last round of the square. As he left the balcony that evening in March 2013, he turned to the crowd and said: 'Good night and rest well.' Today, in turn, we say to Pope Francis: 'Thank you, goodbye and rest well.'

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Joseph Griffin, Desmond Malone, Patrick McHugh; and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Maurice Culhane, Suzanne Ryan, deceased members of Culhane, Ryan & Leonard families, Catherine & John Smyth, Breege & Tom Ennis, Vincent O'Neill (month's Mind), Mary Watson (Month's Mind), Paddy Griffin, Philomena Harte (Month's Mind) Michael & Pat Corrigan, Brigid Cucchi, Frank McCann, Marie McGowan, John Gilroy.

Financial Update – 27 April 2025: Collection last Sunday, €1555. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €900. Payments via credit card machines past week, €702.

MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a living parish where all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts and people and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.