



# ***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

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### **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

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Lay Ministry Sunday**

The Easter Season is always a very significant time in the life of Christians. It above all reminds us that at the heart of our faith is our belief in a Resurrected Christ – resurrected because he lay down His life as a testimony to the extent of His love for us. The Risen Christ was different – the gospels relate for us multiple occasions when even his closest companions didn't recognise him until he revealed himself either through his words or his actions – "Mary" to Mary Magdalen; "give me your hand" to Thomas; etc. He still calls us by name; he still invites us to give him our hands. Part of our issue is that we're even slower than his early followers in recognising his voice and his actions.

Recent events in our church hopefully are giving us cause to ask ourselves – "what is Christ asking of us today?" By the time many of you get a chance to read this our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, will have been inaugurated. To me the very least that the Holy Spirit is asking of us is that our church needs to face forward – needs to face the challenges of today's world. Despite the huge goodwill there is in the world towards the message of Christ – that we are all sisters and brothers – that love and peace make for a better and happier world – yet most struggle with how best to live that message out in the realities that occupy us day by day.

I think it's fair to say that very few believe that a clerically dominated and controlled church is the best model for our times. (There will continue to be a need for the 'serving' clergy Christ modelled at the Last Supper.) To grow from one model of Church to another is a painful process, as the two thousand year history of the church reminds us. People need to make brave, generous, and often painful decisions. And I'm not talking about others – I also include ourselves.

Our Diocese has designated today as "Lay Ministry Sunday". I quote extracts from the explanatory leaflets. *"The mission to help open the door to faith, in our time, is the mission of the whole People of God. All of the baptised are called to build up the Church, clergy and lay people*

together, encouraged by the Holy Spirit.”

*“So, what can I do? How can I respond? What is the Spirit asking of me in order to put fresh heart into the people? Well, here is something new. Thanks to your support at this collection each year, we are now providing training to build up active lay servant leaders, to work in a co-responsible way with priests, deacons and pastoral workers, in parishes and partnerships of parishes.*

*Over the past two years lay ministries have been steadily developing; 109 lay people from the Diocese have completed the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis to become parish catechists, and this year 34 people have participated in our new Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. 120 lay Funeral Prayer Leaders have been trained across the Archdiocese and the Pathways into Ministry adult education programme continues to help adults develop their faith.”*

Please give serious thought to how best you can serve this movement of the Spirit in our Diocese and our Parish. For instance, if we are to survive as a parish, Parish Catechists are going to be a major part of parish life. It's a major commitment to train and serve as a Catechist, but also very rewarding and fulfilling. And similarly countless other ways for people to make a difference in the church of the future.

While Lay Ministry Sunday is highlighting a number of key and formal areas of service, we would also like to highlight the equally important contribution made locally by so many, in ministries like Reading, Eucharistic Ministry, Ushers, Flower Arranging, Singing, - the list goes on and on. And every little helps!

There is a collection after all masses this week-end – and that is important, for funding certain projects – but nothing like as important as the recruitment of generous and committed people to working with the Spirit in spreading the message of Christ's Love in our world. It's worth repeating what I said earlier – please give serious thought to how best you can serve. Pick up a leaflet; contact the Diocese, speak with someone here in Mount Argus. Anything that helps is welcome!

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**Lay Ministry Appeal:** As mentioned above the Archdiocese of Dublin has designated today as Lay Ministry Sunday. After all of our masses this we end we hope to have people available at the back of the Church who are involved in one way or another, to answer any questions you might have in relation to becoming more involved yourself.

**The Rosary during May:** Every day during the month of May, the Rosary is prayed at 5.00 pm at the statue of Our Lady on Priory Road. Everyone is welcome.

**Our Mass for the Sick** with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this coming Saturday, 24 May at 11.00 am. If you are aware of people who would love to be there, but have no means of transport, please let us know in good time – as we may be able to arrange something for them. We expect the Mass may last about an hour – depending on the number of people to be anointed.

**Triduum of Hope:** This year's Triduum of Hope in honour of Mary, Mother of Hope and St Charles will take place from Monday, 26 May to Wednesday, 28 May. The Triduum Mass will be at 10.00 am each day. The evening service of Rosary, Homily and Eucharistic Benediction will be at 7.30 pm. This year the Triduum will be led by Fr. Aidan Troy, whom many of you will already know.

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**We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – ; and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time –** Eimear Herron, Declan Walsh, Maureen Casey (month's mind), Walter & Eileen Girvan, Charlotte & Patrick Kelly, Larry Finn, Bridget McNerney, Paddy Coggins, John & Margaret Hynes, Eithne & Jim Hickey.

**Financial Update – 18 May 2025:** Collection last Sunday, €1790. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €99. Payments via credit card machines past week, €618.

## **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.