



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

Corpus Christi

Food for Thought

For a relatively short while in Ireland, around the 70's I think, there was a minor fashion in what were called 'mystery tours'. These usually took place on summer evenings, and normally consisted of visiting a few places of historical or cultural interest, and almost inevitably ended up in a pub. Of course, it was a fashion that was never likely to last for long. For starters, people who had been on one would tell people about it – so it was no longer a 'mystery' and possibly more importantly, people quickly worked out that it was quicker and cheaper just to go directly to the pub! I hasten to say that I was never personally on one of these tours, nor did I ever feel tempted to do so. When I set out on a journey, I like to know where it is I am going! But it doesn't always work out that way!

One of the modern-day inventions that I am very happy to avail of is the sat-nav. I call on it quite a bit if I'm travelling, even to places that I'm quite familiar with – having information on the current state of traffic can be very time-saving. I'm grateful not to have to depend on the well-intentioned people who so often assured me that they knew the best way to get to wherever it was I was going, topped off frequently with the final assurance - "you can't miss it." It must be some special gift I have for achieving the impossible, but time and time again I have most definitely managed to "miss it"!

You may very well be asking – assuming you've got this far – what's brought this on? No, I didn't get lost on Monday on my way to Larne for our Provincial Chapter, which, incidentally, was a very graced time for our Passionist Province. We have elected a new Provincial to guide us through the next four years. He is Fr. Martin Coffey, whom many you

will know from his previous time in office in the early 2000's. We've also elected a new Provincial Council to support him – Fr. John Friel, Fr. Martin Newell, Fr. Thomas Scanlon, and Fr. Gareth Thomas. And they won't need a sat-nav – we have left them with enough directions (probably should be 'directives') to keep them occupied for forty years, not to mind four!

Sorry, where was I before that diversion? Oh yes, I was talking essentially about getting good directions to help us on our journeys. In our gospel today, Jesus's apostles thought they were giving Jesus a good steer when they suggested He should send the people away to get themselves some nourishment after a long day listening to Him. "Give them something to eat yourselves" took them by surprise. But then, Jesus is full of surprises! Having followed Him for some time, they probably weren't that amazed that He could feed over 5000 people from a mere five loaves and two fish. But offering to feed the world with His Body and Blood? That's another level altogether.

And that's what we celebrate today, Corpus Christi, the most holy Body and Blood of Christ. He invites us to do this a memorial of Him – not in the sense of erecting statues, but as re-membering Him. I write it that way to highlight that in this sense the opposite of 'remembering' is not 'forgetting', but 'dis-membering'. And in our hearts I think many of us appreciate that in cutting ourselves off from the Corpus Christi, that's essentially what happens – His body is, as it were, being dismembered. (No puns intended here, but maybe reflecting on the puns might encourage us to reflect a little deeper on the rich mystery we celebrate today.)

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St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection:

This will be taking place after all the masses this week-end, 21st and 22nd June.

Partnership Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Glendalough - Monday 7th July:

Join us for a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the sixth century Saint Kevin with a pilgrim guide from the Glendalough Hermitage Centre. Cost: €40 adult, €20 children (covers bus, pilgrim guides and lunch in the Wicklow Heather) Bus to collect people from Harold's Cross Church car park at 9.15 am and return by 6 pm approx. Free parking for the day at the Parish house located at the back of Parish centre.

Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Alex in St Kevin's of Laragh (designated a Jubilee Church for this year). A guided pilgrim walk through the monastic city with an option for able walkers to walk to the Upper Lake & return by the wooden boardwalk. An alternative option with a pilgrim guide for those less mobile to explore the Visitors centre, watch a video and walk to God's cottage. All weather dependent. If interested, names and money will be taken after Mass in Harolds Cross – Our Lady of the Rosary **on June 14th/15th**, or phone Siobhan Speers 087-9475110 or Geraldine Larkin 086-1604475 with names and phone numbers by June 22nd. This pilgrimage is open to all in the partnership group (Harold's Cross, Mount Argus, Beechwood Avenue, Rathmines & Rathgar).

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025

Join the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday, 27th July, celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Grandparents, families and all the faithful are invited to this joyful celebration. The day includes Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm; Mass at 3pm, and rosary procession (weather permitting).

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Louis Alexander Murray; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Mary & John Nolan, Herbert & Maureen Geoghegan, Brendan Keegan, Fr. Sylvius C.P., Sheila Champion.

Financial Update – 22 June 2025: Collection last Sunday, €1206. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €111. Payments via credit card machines past week, €666.