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Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

-- Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin 6W (Eircode: D6W XR66) --

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Parish Priest: Fr. Aidan O'Kane C.P.

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The News You've Been Waiting For!

Following our Provincial Chapter in June, and after widespread discussion, our newly-elected Provincial Council have announced appointments for our various communities including here in Mount Argus. Our new Parish Priest is Fr. Aidan O'Kane, and he will be assisted on the Parish by Fr. Pat Fitzgerald. Fr. Aidan expects to take office around the second week of October. In the meantime I've asked him to give us a brief introduction, and he has written as follows -

It is with anticipation and pleasure I return to Mount Argus as Parish Priest. I return after five years, my having served as deacon in the parish, albeit during Covid when personal interaction was limited and I preached to an empty church.

I was born and reared in the Glens of Antrim, the youngest of three brothers, my being a twin. We lost our parents at a very young age and we were brought up with cousins. I left home when I was 18 and went to study in Aberystwyth, Wales, after which I undertook postgraduate studies at Queen's University, Belfast and at Maynooth College.

Before joining the Passionists, I worked for 27 years in London in the voluntary sector. Initially I worked with Irish migrants, then with Kosovans who were displaced by war, and latterly with the homeless,



providing housing and support.

I joined the Passionists in 2015, my novitiate being in Holy Cross, Ardoyne. I then undertook my priestly studies at Heythrop College, London, my living in our then student House in Ealing and, in my last year, in the international Passionist Community at Highgate.

On completion of my formal studies, I moved to Mount Argus and I undertook further studies in health care chaplaincy and in youth ministry in Dublin.

I took final vows in September 2019, was ordained a deacon in November 2019 (both in Mount Argus) and in September 2020 was ordained a priest. Since ordination, I have lived in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar where I am Vicar-Bursar, Retreat Director and Assistant Novice Master. I also managed the Houben Centre at Ardoyne. I have provided supply for priests/parishes, particularly at weekends. I have acted as Spiritual Director on pilgrimages and provided cover for the English-speaking Chaplain in Medjugorje on occasion.

I look forward to my return to Mount Argus, my knowing that a warm Passionist welcome awaits my arrival.

Aidan O'Kane CP

At present it looks like that arrival won't be happening until the second week in October, so in the meantime we need to get ourselves settled into a new (school) year. So let me take this opportunity first of all to welcome you back after our summer break. I hope you managed to get some 'holiday' time – at least being able to get away from your usual routine. We expect that there will be a certain amount of 'free-wheeling' over the next month. In the meantime we'll be having a Parish Council meeting shortly to discuss and organise some of the more immediate matters – like following up on those who put their names forward for various roles in the Parish. So please be patient as we work our way through this interim period. Meanwhile, any suggestions and reflections you wish to share will be very welcome – either face-to-face or, (if you want them remembered), by email to office@mountargusparish.ie.

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Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/ . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Catherine Trias (mother of Fr. Frank Trias C.P. – her funeral will be in Glasgow on Monday), Maeve Somers, Marie Delahunt; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Fr. Brendan O'Connell and all deceased members of O'Connell family, Valentine O'Connell, Brigidine Hayden, Denis & Margaret Leahy, Eugene Carr, Stephen Kennerk, Carol O'Riordan, Stephen Murphy, Madeline O'Mahony, Paddy, Imelda and P.J. Gilmartin & deceased members of Gilmartin and Nolan family.

Financial Update – 7 September 2025: The average Sunday collection since our last bulletin – 28th June – was €1530; Standing orders per week, approx. €250. Donations via website averaged €170. Payments via credit card machines averaged, €724.

Child Safeguarding: Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 0851876203. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Dublin: Statement, Reporting Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines 2018" is available at the reception desk in the monastery.