



# *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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### **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

**St Charles Novena Mass:** Saturday, 11.00 am

### **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**

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

## **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Mission Sunday / Feast of St. Paul of the Cross**

We have an abundance of celebrations this week-end. As well as being the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, it is also Mission Sunday – see the notices below – and additionally for us here in Mount Argus it is the feast of our patronal saint, St. Paul of the Cross.

Just a brief reminder of who he was - Paul Francis Danei was born in Ovada, in Northern Italy on January 3rd, 1694. He founded the Congregation of the Passion in 1720 with his brother, John Baptist. Much of his ministry was itinerant, preaching throughout the towns and villages and frequently writing letters. Paul was also in great demand as a spiritual director. He died in Rome on October 18th 1775 and was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867. His feast day is October 19th.

In the Papal States where Paul lived most of his life and where he laboured most, there were 2 classes of people: the rich and the poor. The masses lived in miserable conditions. Housing was poorly constructed; food was scarce; malaria was prevalent; illiteracy was common. This is the environment and these are the people to whom Paul took his message of the Passion of Jesus Christ being the greatest sign of God's love of humanity. His 'visual aid' was what we call our Passionist Sign, which we wear on our habits. The cross over the heart is a reminder that Jesus's death for us was deeply rooted in love, and if we could appreciate the power of that love we would want to live that love, that life, as fully as possible – which is what I hope we all try to do here in Mount Argus.

I don't know how many of you share my growing lack of enthusiasm about the present presidential election campaign. With the best will in the world I'm finding it quite difficult not to slip into the mindset of – "let's agree on one of them, and just get it over and done with!" Not a very positive sign of civic spirit, I agree, but ..... Which sounds uncannily like the judge in our gospel today. The widow who felt she was being unjustly treated was not going to simply lie down and take it. She knew the kind of man the judge was – not too interested in giving any thought to the rights or

needs of others. But she knew that constantly turning up was causing him to realise that this woman was becoming too much a part of his life, a life that didn't have room for her and her likes, and the quicker he got her out of it, the better. Her persistence was such that the judge settled her case in her favour, just so that he could get some peace. God is inviting us to have that same persistence in our prayers to Him. Not to be put off if we don't seem to immediately get the answer we want. And the Moses story, in our first reading, also reminds us of our need of one another's support. On Mission Sunday, which we mark today, we are asked to have that same spirit of persistence and support when faced with the needs of others! Whatever about culture, like art, music or literature, what our world badly needs is a culture of love, and tolerance, and justice, and mutual respect and support. It's not just "one way" – it's the only way!

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### **World Mission Sunday:**

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas missionaries can continue. Right now, they desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America they are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by your support. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

The needs of overseas missions vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable. World Mission Sunday provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches. It also prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists. And it supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future.

### **Mount Argus Parish Centre:**

The Mount Argus Parish Centre is at 179 Lower Kimmage Road. (The Centre on the other side of the car park is the "St. Charles Centre".) You are invited to visit the Parish Centre this coming Friday, 24th October, between 10.30 am and 12pm for tea/coffee and a chat - all welcome. We also invite you to save the date for future mornings on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **St. Clare's Primary School enrolment:**

St. Clare's Primary School enrolment for 2026/27 opened on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and will close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The school opens from 8:20am and there is aftercare is available on site. Parents and guardians are warmly invited to submit applications. Application forms and further details are available from the school website, [www.stclares.ie](http://www.stclares.ie).

### **SVDP Monthly Collection:**

The monthly collection in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul's work for the needy will be taken up after all the masses next Week-end – 25-26<sup>th</sup> October.

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**We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently** –Gerard McGrath; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Maeve Somers (Month's Mind), Annette Scully, Kathleen Farrell, Brid Daly (Month's Mind), Gary & Amelia Coates.

**Financial Update – 21 October 2025:** Last week's collection was €1715; Standing orders, approx. €250. Donations via website €126. Payments via credit card machines, €644.95.

**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](http://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.*