



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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsible Stewardship

It's never good news to hear that one is shortly about to be sacked from one's job – even when one has brought it upon themselves. I wouldn't want any of you to think that I am referring to the changeover shortly to take place in the Parish. Contrary to the opening sentence, I can't wait to hand over responsibility to Fr. Aidan at the very earliest opportunity – which at present looks like it might be October 10th. That of course is no reflection on the wonderful people who come to Mount Argus and all our parishioners, but rather an acknowledgement that it's way past time for bringing some 'new blood' into the leadership team in the Parish – clerical and lay. I am very happy to stay on in a lesser capacity and will still try to serve as best I can.

No, that opening statement above was referring to our gospel passage this week-end. It's the story of the steward who wasn't carrying out his responsibilities satisfactorily, and was given notice that he was about to be sacked. But he was given a little time to tidy up, as it were, a time that he decided he would best use to his own personal advantage. I'm sure you're familiar with the rest of the story – how he told those people who were in debt to his boss to lie about the amount they owed and he would certify it for them. The boss clearly was no fool, and realised what the steward was doing. And then comes the surprising twist. Instead of berating the steward as a dishonest cheat – which he clearly was – he praises him for his 'astuteness'. And then we get that very unlike Jesus statement – *"And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity."*

Our Gospel is reminding us – among other things – of our responsibilities in looking after the goods of this world – spiritual and material. Will we build up, and leave behind us, a world where people – poor and rich alike – will feel respected and treasured? After all, that's our calling as Christians.

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection:

The St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection will be taking place after all the masses this week-end – 20th and 21st of September.

Mount Argus Parish Centre:

The Mount Argus Parish Centre, which is at 179 Lower Kimmage Road, invite you to join them on Friday 26th of September from 10.30am - 12pm for tea/coffee and a chat. This is something they would actually like to make available every Friday morning, but they need help in order to make this happen. Perhaps you could? Please call 01 492 1225

One of the other activities that might interest you is the Art Class which is held on Mondays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It's a steal at 5 Weeks for €40. This class is open to all - beginners and the more experienced. For more information please drop in any Monday or call 01 492 1225

Sacraments to the Housebound:

Unfortunately, for a multiplicity of reasons, this is an area of Parish Ministry that has been seriously neglected over the past while. For some that has meant that they have had no access to Holy Communion and the sacraments of reconciliation and of the sick. I would appreciate if those who would wish a visit could let me know afresh. ('Housebound' need not mean they can never get out, but rather that getting to, and being in church for extended periods, is not really advisable)

Crosscare:

Our Archbishop has written to all Parishes as follows:

This weekend, the Annual Church collection for Crosscare will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Inspired by their values of love, respect, and excellence, Crosscare works with those most in need in our communities: families with children and individuals trapped in homeless services amidst a housing crisis and families struggling to provide enough nutritious food as the cost of living spirals. They work with young people finding their way at a critical time in their lives, when widespread drug use and often criminality threaten to entrap them.

Increasingly, Crosscare support hundreds of migrants and asylum seekers who have come here fleeing conflict or to make a better life for themselves. Sadly, at this time, this group of people are being harassed by some in our communities, who forget our own nation's history of emigration. Demand for all these critical services continues to increase in our society, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help.

As you may be aware we don't take up Share Collections here, but send a regular sum to the Diocese in lieu. The same will be happening in relation to Crosscare – just so you know!

If you wish to make an individual donation there are envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Why Sunday Matters:

Such was the demand last week for the Irish Bishops' new pastoral message, *Why Sunday Matters – An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass* that we quickly ran out of copies, so we have printed more for those who may have missed out last week. They are available at the back of the Church. Copies of the message, as well as an introductory video and a four-part video series titled *Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper* can be found at catholicbishops.ie.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Brendan Crowe; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Bernadette Flood, Jake Scallon, Conor & Breda O'Brien, Paddy, Eveline & Eveline junior Corrigan, Mary Kavanagh.

Financial Update – 28 September 2025: Last week's collection was €1450; Standing orders, approx. €250. Donations via website €496. Payments via credit card machines, €840.

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.