



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
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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

During this month of May we will be having in our church two separate celebrations of First Communions – always lovely occasions, full of life and happiness. Many things have changed in the life of the parish over the years, but First Communion Day is still largely the same. Parents and grandparents as excited as the children. All spic and span as never before! A minor battle to get them all settled. Old codgers like me quietly thinking to myself – if only it could be like this every Sunday! One can't help thinking – if only we could retain that innocence, that openness, that joy, that enthusiasm throughout life, what a much happier place our world would be. I know their parents are full of hopes and ideals for their future, and while we don't want to rain on their parade, we do pray that their hopes and ideals will be realistic.

Some years ago a friend shared with me the following story. He told me that it was true – it happened to a friend of his. I have since been able to find various versions of it on the internet, but even if it's only a story, it deserves to be true! It starts with a conversation that this gentleman had overheard between a mother and daughter as they were saying their good-byes at the airport. The imminent departure of the daughter's flight had just been announced. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and then the mother said to her daughter, "I love you and I wish you enough". The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom".

They gave one another a final kiss and a hug, and then the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where this gentleman was seated. He could see that she was tearing up. He tried not to intrude but she welcomed him in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" "Yes, I have," he replied. "But forgive me for asking, why should this be a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and my daughter lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - her next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough'. May I ask what that means?"

She smiled; “That's a wish that has been handed down through generations of my family. I used to hear my parents saying it to everyone. When we said, 'I wish you enough', we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them”. Then she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory -

- I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how grey the day may appear.
- I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.
- I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.
- I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.
- I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
- I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
- I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Thinking of our First Communicants, and their futures, maybe that can be our prayer for them and their families – and indeed for ourselves – that God will give to each of us according to our needs. It is up to us to use what He gives as well as we can to achieve God’s plan in our lives. Instead of praying for more, may we be content with praying for ENOUGH.

Lay Ministry Collection

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection will take place this weekend, **2nd/3rd May**. This collection will be taken up outside the church. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more people to work alongside the priests, deacons and those responsible for faith development and education in the diocese and parishes.

Lenten Trochaire Boxes

Just a gentle reminder to those concerned to please return your Trochaire boxes as soon as possible, so that we can forward all donations. Boxes may be given in to the sacristy in the church, or to reception in the monastery.

Security Issues

Please be aware that we have had a number of theft issues in the church recently. Make sure you never leave any items unattended – especially when coming to receive communion, or going to confession, etc.

Upcoming Tea/Coffee Morning

Mount Argus Parish Centre (179 Lower Kimmage Road) will be hosting Coffee Mornings on **Fridays 8th & 22nd May; 5th & 19th June** from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along - everyone welcome.

Harmonies in May

Mount Argus Church is pleased to host ‘*Harmonies in May*’, a concert of classical, popular and barbershop pieces on **Sunday, 10th May 2026**, (doors open at 6:30pm). Performances by Katy Kelly, Insieme, the Seasharps, Mount Argus Singers, with

accompanist Margarita Vilkoviskaia (our organist).

Tickets will be available at the door or via online Eventbrite.



Admission €15 (€10 for Seniors/ and students; under 16: free).

Proceeds in support of Insieme and Mount Argus parish.

Bereaved parents

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening, Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: ; and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Catherine & John Smith; Bridge & Tom Ennis; George & Margaret Docherty & family; John Gilroy; Thomas Fletcher.

Financial Update

Last week’s Collection	€1,050.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€219.00
Card machines	€1055.00