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

Feast of All Saints

Remembering Fondly ….

This is a kind of strange week-end, at least from a parish bulletin point of view. As I'm writing this it is not yet Halloween, but by the time most of you will have read this, Halloween will be over. Not that Halloween means very much to us here living on the top of the hill – just the odd firework going off at odd times over the weeks before and after the day. But judging from what I see in the shops, there must be a lot scarier things happening around the nearby streets! Probably a more sophisticated version of what we had in days of yore. As I remember it, early in the evening some of the children would dress up - masks being the key item - and go from door to door, within a very limited area, and be given a greeting of "Oh, don't you look scary" - and some sweets or fruit.

And the later part of the evening would be spent playing such exciting games as trying to get a bite out of an apple hanging by a piece of string from the ceiling, or trying to get a bite from an apple that was under six inches of water in a basin. Never had to worry about the batteries running out! And then there was the special Halloween food – colcannon, and barm brack. Normally during the year if you found any foreign bodies in your food you felt entitled to complain, but at Halloween you expected to find all kinds of things – rings, sticks, rags, thimbles, peas, etc. Don't ask me to explain their significance – I've long forgotten even if I ever knew.

But enough of the past. We're invited to live in the present, and plan for the future – which is what these two celebrations are highlighting for us. Our Gospel today, in the Beatitudes, is spelling out the priorities we need to have in our lives, spelling out the call to love that we received in last week's gospel. We're being reminded on this feast that we're all called to be saints, not necessarily in the canonised sense, but certainly in being the best we can be in living up to that call to be a loving, caring people. It's the only way of making sense of the second feast-day – All Souls Day – when we affirm again our

belief that life here on earth isn't the end – that we are building to a future where we hope to be united not only with our Loving God, but with all those who went before us, and whom we remember especially on this day.

Which reminds me to remind you of our special celebration next Saturday for all those who've died in the past year and whose funerals took place in our church. But while they are the headliners, as it were, the celebration also commemorates all the departed and still dearly remembered members of our families, and friends. So please do join us on Saturday, at 11.00 am.

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St. Vincent de Paul Collection:
The monthly collection in aid of the work of St. Vincent de Paul, will be taken up after all the masses this week-end. To continue carrying out their important service to the local community, they depend on your continuing generosity

November – Holy Souls:
November Dead Lists are available at the back of the church, and at the monastery reception. As usual, the lists of names will be kept on the sanctuary and remembered in our masses during the month of November, and monthly throughout the year. Please return completed lists to reception, to our sacristan or to one of the priests.

This coming **Saturday, 7th November**, at the 11 am Mass, the Parish will remember all the deceased whose funerals took place in Mount Argus in the last year. Family members and relatives are invited to attend the Mass and Service of Light, where a candle will be lit and placed on the altar rails in their loved one's memory as we remember and pray for them.

The annual Mass for deceased Gardai will be celebrated on **Saturday 14th November**.

The annual mass for deceased Passionists will be celebrated on **Saturday 21st November**.

Coombe Hospital Bicentenary:
The Coombe Hospital chaplaincy department invite you to join them in a community walk of thanksgiving, remembrance and hope this coming Thursday, 5th November, between 5.30 and 7.00 pm. You can find further details on the poster in our noticeboard at the back of the church.

Mission Sunday:
As we come to the end of the Mission Month of October, all of us at Missio Ireland thank you for your support of Mission Sunday. If you have not donated before and you wish to do so, you may either phone (01) 497 2035, or go to: https://missio.ie/donate/

Bereaved Parents' Support Evening:
Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght.
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

National First Saturdays Conference:
This takes place on Saturday November 28th in Knock, from 10am to 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Many well-known speakers. A Eucharistic Healing Service will be led by Fr. John Keane. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

THEWAY.IE :
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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently:** Fr. Aidan O'Kane C.P., Mary Joan Carey, Monica (Mona) Gannon, Rory McVey, Sean Fitzgerald **…** and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time:** deceased members of Brady family, Anita Fleming, Geraldine Walsh, deceased members of the O'Connor family, Frank Byrne, Brigid Lonergan, Ann Tracey, Breda Buckley, Eugene O'Shea, Joe O'Shea, Gerry & Amelia Coates.

Financial Update

Last week's Collection	€1,195.00
Standing Orders (est.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€172.25
Card machines	€1004.00