



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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Don't Say Cheese – Just Smile!

Recently I came across some research on what makes people happy. A group of university students were invited, as a class project, to engage in one pleasurable activity and one charitable activity during the week. When asked at the end of the week which activity made them feel happier all responded that it was the doing something kind for another. In another piece of unrelated research done in the US, they went through old college yearbooks looking at the smiles on faces. Apparently there are two clearly identifiable smiles – the genuine one of the happy person, and the posed one that is simply put on for the camera. Having classified the smiles as genuine or posed, they then looked at the subsequent lives of the people involved. They found that people with the genuine smile were far more likely to be married, to stay married and to experience personal happiness in life. The research was challenged, saying that they were probably the better-looking people, so other researches classified them from the point of view of their looks, only to find out that good looks had no correlation with subsequent happiness in life.

Don't worry, we're not planning on carrying out any classification of people arriving to Church – "good-looking ones over here please – posed smiles over there please!" And we're certainly not going to try to interpret the reasons for happiness as people are leaving after mass! But I think we would all acknowledge that we would prefer to be happy rather than unhappy. The problem very often is that we're not sure what would make us really happy. For many it's what they are lacking – if our health is poorly then it's "if only I could have my health"; or if we're in financial difficulties it's "I wouldn't want to be massively rich, but if I just had enough" and so on.

Jesus offers an alternative – "If you want to be happy, love God and love one another." Sounds

too easy! But try living it – it's not that easy. Oh yes, we all have our moments, but day in, day out – that's another story. We need help – help from God and help from one another. Our coming together as a community each week is one powerful way of supporting one another. A kind word or gesture, like a smile, is another. And as for God helping us – He has promised in our Gospel this morning to live in us, to be the source of real and lasting peace and happiness in all of us – if we'll let Him.

Now, that should bring a real smile to our faces!

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Triduum of Hope:

N.B. Correction to earlier notices: By some slip of the keyboard it was mistakenly announced in previous bulletins that the evening sessions of the Novena of Hope were at 7.30pm. **The correct time is 7.00 pm.**

The Triduum of Hope in honour of Mary, Mother of Hope and St Charles will take place from Monday, 26th May to Wednesday, 28th May. The Triduum Mass will be at **10.00 am each day**. The evening service of prayer, reflection and Eucharistic Benediction **will be at 7.00 pm**. This year the Triduum will be led by Fr. Aidan Troy, who will be well known to many of you.

Lay Ministry Appeal: As you may remember, we had the Diocesan Lay Ministry appeal last Sunday. The appeal, among other things, was to remind us of the great need in this day and age for all of us to be more missionary in our practice of our faith. In other words, we are being reminded that if we really appreciated what a treasure our faith is we would surely want to share our good fortune with others. Depending very much on our life circumstances, that missionary spirit is going to be expressed in very different ways by different people. For some it may have to be confined to some financial assistance – and thank you for your generous response to the collection. But it's even more pleasing to be able to report a generous response to the request in our own parish for more volunteers for our various ministries. We will be contacting all those who gave their names and contact details, in the near future, and remind all that we will gladly accept any additional volunteers who maybe missed out on last week.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection: This will take place this week-end as an outdoor collection after all masses. Your usual very generous support is always much appreciated, and put to good use.

The Rosary during May: Every day during the month of May, the Rosary is prayed at 5.00 pm at the statue of Our Lady on Priory Road. Everyone is welcome.

Our Mass for the Sick with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was celebrated this Saturday. Thanks to all those who helped the celebration to run so smoothly – from people who gave lifts to people to get here, to those helping to facilitate ease of movement through the church for the anointing, and the many working quietly in the background to make it a joyous occasion for all. May God bless and protect you all.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – John Kennedy, Thomas Nolan; and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Anne Whelan, Joe Griffin, Jimmy Ford, Mary & Kenneth Sweeney, Michael Conneely, Mary Kelly, Brigid Mulvey, Sean Mulvihill, Patrick Hickey.

Financial Update – 25 May 2025: Collection last Sunday, €1840. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €358. Payments via credit card machines past week, €698. Special collection for Lay Ministry Sunday, €840.

MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a living parish where all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts and people and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.