



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

The Feast of Pentecost

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

As you may – or possibly, may not – be aware, today is widely regarded as the birthday of the Church. The preface of our mass today reminds us - *This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.* So, Happy Birthday! But don't be expecting any gifts from me. The gifts today of course come from the Holy Spirit, and our feast today is a reminder of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the continuing presence of that Spirit in our world today. Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, highlights the special miracle that people with all kinds of different languages were able to understand the preaching of the apostles. But probably the greatest miracle caused by the coming of the Spirit was that a group of people who were basically hidden away because of their fear of what might happen to them, were now openly preaching the message to anybody who would listen to them. Such was the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This same Spirit is still with us, and Christ promised that this Spirit would be with us to the end of time. Our gathering here today to celebrate is hopefully an expression of our thanks to God for the wonderful gift that He has given to us in the faith we share. It's also an expression of gratitude for all the wonderful people that He has brought into our lives and with whom we share that faith. And, of course, it's also an occasion of mutual encouragement to use our God-given gifts to continue to spread the Gospel as best we can, knowing that the same Spirit is there to encourage each one of us. So while we rightly celebrate the Birthday of the Church, our on-going presence and involvement in the community is our special present to one another.

You might like this slightly more modern version of “Come Holy Spirit”

Come Holy Spirit; fill my heart with your love:

Give me the spirit of **Wisdom** that I may know how to live and act.

Give me the spirit of **Understanding** that I may learn, and live out my convictions.

Give me the spirit of **Right Judgement** that I may listen to and follow what I believe you are asking me to do.

Give me the spirit of **Courage** that I may be strengthened to do what is right, even if it is difficult.

Give me the spirit of **Knowledge** that I may come to know you more as my God and friend.

Give me the spirit of **Reverence** that I may recognise and respect your holiness in myself, other people and all your creation.

Give me the spirit of **Wonder and Awe** that I may praise you for your greatness. **Amen**

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Early notice of Mass-time changes: The week after next, ie. From Monday 16th to Friday 20th June, our Passionist Provincial Chapter of St. Patrick’s Province will be taking place in Larne. This means we will just have a ‘skeleton’ crew here in Mount Argus, which in turn means we will only be able to have **one mass each day, at 10.00 am**. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Partnership Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Glendalough - Monday 7th July:

Join us for a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the sixth century Saint Kevin with a pilgrim guide from the Glendalough Hermitage Centre. Cost: €40 adult, €20 children (covers bus, pilgrim guides and lunch in the Wicklow Heather) Bus to collect people from Harold’s Cross Church car park at 9.15 am and return by 6 pm approx. Free parking for the day at the Parish house located at the back of Parish centre.

Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Alex in St Kevin’s of Laragh (designated a Jubilee Church for this year). A guided pilgrim walk through the monastic city with an option for able walkers to walk to the Upper Lake & return by the wooden boardwalk. An alternative option with a pilgrim guide for those less mobile to explore the Visitors centre, watch a video and walk to God’s cottage. All weather dependent. If interested, names and money will be taken after Mass in Harolds Cross – Our Lady of the Rosary **on June 14th/15th**, or phone Siobhan Speers 087-9475110 or Geraldine Larkin 086-1604475 with names and phone numbers by June 22nd. This pilgrimage is open to all in the partnership group (Harold’s Cross, Mount Argus, Beechwood Avenue, Rathmines & Rathgar).

DARE TO HOPE – Young Adults:

On **Saturday, June 14**, the Irish Bishops’ Conference will host “**Dare to Hope**” – a dynamic and prayerful gathering for young adults aged 18 to 30. The event will take place in the Youth Village at the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. A €20 attendance charge will enable participants to hear guest speakers, to attend workshops and related events. Dare to Hope will conclude with the celebration of Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, with Bishop Fintan Gavin of Cork and Ross as the chief celebrant. For more information, visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>.

Understanding our Catholic Faith: The Legion of Mary are holding a talk & discussion on “*Pentecost and Mary’s motherhood of souls*” on 10th June, at 7.30pm at 60 Sundrive Road. All welcome.

Interested in the Big Questions in Life? Consider Post-Graduate studies in Christian Theology at Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin? Scholarships available. Join us for an online information session on **Weds 18th June 7 - 7.45pm**. See more information at www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Don Harrington, Ann Kane, Charlie Kenny, Stephen O’Neill, Thomas Williams (Funeral Monday, 10.00 am), Emily O’Brien (Funeral Tuesday 10.00 am), Des Cahill (Funeral Tuesday, 11.30am); **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Larry Kearns, Bernie Kearns, Josephine Smith, Gerard Farrell, Ellen Kaye Byrne, .

Financial Update – 8 June 2025: Collection last Sunday, €1785. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €276. Payments via credit card machines past week, €736.