



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I found myself lost in Cork, and I stopped to asked someone the directions to Wilton where my uncle is buried. With all due respect to Corkonians, they have a different way of speaking. The man in question did not use the words 'right' or 'left', but advised me to veer this way or that way, using his hands to direct to the right or to the left. The surprising thing he said to me was that he would "not start from here". He told me to go to a particular spot and from there he gave me directions!

Today's gospel reminds us to start our prayer journey from where we are - we are sinners. It teaches us that true prayer begins with honesty and humility, our acknowledging that we are in need of God's mercy. The tax collector acknowledges his need for mercy, and that sincere humility opens the door to God's grace.

The Pharisee's problem is not his good works, but his belief that these works make him a better person, even superior. He uses them to elevate himself and to judge others, his forgetting that righteousness is a gift from God, not an achievement.

God is moved by honesty, humility and repentance. The gospel today invites us to ask ourselves:

- ⇒ When I pray, do I come to God in honesty and humility, or in comparison and self-righteousness?
- ⇒ Do I trust in my own goodness, or do I depend on God's mercy?
- ⇒ Do I judge others who struggle, or who sin differently than I do?

Like the tax collector, we are all invited to come before God just as we are, in honesty and humility – broken and sinful. God's mercy flows abundantly most freely into humble hearts.

On my return...

First, I would like to thank you all for a very warm welcome on my return to Mount Argus on Friday 10th October – just two weeks ago. My priority is to learn and discern, which of course will mean asking many questions, and that will mean repeating myself... a lot. It will take time to settle in, and despite my having to go regularly to the North over these next few months for various appointments, I hope to be well ensconced by the New Year.

I attended my first Parish Pastoral Council meeting last week, and I am so thankful to the Chair and the members for their commitment to and enthusiasm for, not only our Parish affairs but also the nascent local parish partnership.

As my Gardai vetting is in progress (for confirmation of my appointment as Parish Priest), I am conscious that this is an exercise requiring attention for the staff and volunteers in the Parish, and which I will make a priority during these early months. This will afford me the opportunity to re-acquaint myself with familiar faces and to renew connections.

With thanks for your welcome, and looking forward to your continued support,

Jr. Aidan

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Mount Argus Parish Centre

The Mount Argus Parish Centre is at 179 Lower Kimmage Road. (The Centre on the other side of the car park is the "St. Charles Centre"). You are invited to visit the Parish Centre on **Friday 7th November**, between 10.30am and 12:00 noon for tea/coffee and a chat - all welcome. We also invite you to save the date for future mornings on **Friday 21st November**.

October Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at Priory Road, at 5:00pm every day during October.

Bank Holiday Monday 27th October

There will be one Mass at 11:00am on **Monday 27th October**. The parish office and the Monastery reception will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday.

Solemnity of All Saints

We celebrate the solemnity of All Saints on **Saturday, 1st November**. Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation will be Friday 6:15pm (vigil) and Saturday at 11:00am.

All Souls Day

On Sunday **2nd November**, we celebrate All Souls Day. Masses will be as usual on Saturday evening and Sunday.

November

The month of November is devoted to praying for the Holy Souls. November Dead Lists are available at the back of the church and at the Monastery reception. Please enter the names of your deceased family members, relatives and friends on the sheet, and return it, to be included in daily Mass during November and once every month throughout the year.

On **Saturday 15th November**, at the 11:am Mass, the Parish will remember all the deceased who funerals took place in Mount Argus. Family members and relatives are invited to attend and a candle will be lighted and placed on the altar rails in their loved one's memory as we pray for them.

Mass for deceased Gardai will be celebrated on **Saturday 8th November** and for deceased Passionists on **Saturday 22nd November** here at Mount Argus.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish...; we remember those who have died recently...; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Elizabeth Mooney (MM), Charles Butler (A) Herbert and Maureen Geoghan (A), Mary Halpin (MM), Ellen Cooney (A), Sean Hourian (A), Eddie O'Brien (A), Mick Kenny (A), Patricia Neville (A), Edward Clerhan (A), Brendan Kelly (BR), Kenneth Sterios (A), Francis Whelan (A) and Anita Fleming (BR).

Financial Update

Last week's collection	€1485.00
Standing orders, approx	€250.00
World Mission Sunday	€1415.00

Donations via website	€198.00
Payments via credit card machines	€915.00