



# Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin D6W XR66

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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

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## **Second Sunday of Lent**

Traditionally, on this second Sunday of Lent, we read and pray with the Transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell us that this event took place on a high mountain. It is an episode that gives us a glimpse of both Jesus's humanity and his divinity, where Jesus reassures his friends – and us – that there is no need to be afraid, even as we witness such extraordinary things.

The transfiguration takes place immediately after Jesus tells his disciples that his ministry will end in rejection and death – the Paschal mystery. The 'mountain' is a significant location for Matthew, and a place where Jesus would often go to pray.

It was traditionally held from the time of Origen (3<sup>rd</sup> century AD) that the Transfiguration took place on Mount Tabor (1886 feet high), though other traditions favour Mount Hermon, 14 miles from Caesarea Philippi (9,400 feet high and 11,000 feet above the level of the Jordan Valley). Hermon is so high that it can be seen from the Dead Sea at the other end of Palestine, more than 100 miles away. The meaning of the 'high mountain' is nevertheless theological rather than geographical. We are reminded of God's revelation to Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:12–18) and also to Elijah (1 Kings 19:8–18) where Mount Horeb (or Sinai) is referred to as the mountain of God. Most of all, this is a place of prayer where God reveals himself, and in the Gospel in a 'bright cloud'.

The cloud or 'Shekinah' is familiar to believing Jews, as nothing less than the saving presence of God. A pillar of cloud led the Jews out of Egypt (Exodus 13:21-22), and it was in a cloud that God gave the tablets of the Law to Moses (Exodus 34:5). Throughout Israel's history, there is mention of the cloud as a sign of the mysterious glory of God.

In the First Reading, the Lord speaks to Abram, telling him to leave behind everything he knows. The promise of great blessings will follow. The Psalm reflects on the faithfulness of God's word. He will be our help and shield if, like Abram, we place our hope in him.

Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing of the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward, but by God's 'own purpose and grace'.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we may like to focus our prayer this week on the Lord's word to Abram to leave the past behind as we journey towards the blessings of Easter.

## Parish Review

During 2024/25 the Passionists undertook a Province Review (in Ireland, Scotland, England and Paris). The Review delivered a number of recommendations, one of which is to review our commitment to the parishes for which we care.

Members of the Provincial Council and appointed facilitators propose to visit Mount Argus parish on the evening of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – note change of date.

## Trocaire Lenten Boxes

Lenten Boxes for Trocaire are available on the tables at the back of the Church.

## Suggested Lenten Exercises

- Mass during the week (10am and 6:15pm)
- Praying the Rosary (after 10am Mass daily)
- Adoration (Exposition on Wednesday and Friday 4 – 6pm)
- Stations of the Cross (after 10am Mass on Fridays)
- *Lectio Divina*\*
- Spiritual Reading (The Practice of the Presence of God)\*\*

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of Lent at 7:30pm in St Charles Centre

\*\* by Brother Lawrence as recommended by Pope Leo

## Young Adults

GOSPEL REFLECTION - for the five Thursdays in Lent, via zoom. For registration use the QR code, or e: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie



HOPEFEST - A night of faith, community and hope, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun, D9 on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, 6pm -9pm; register via QR code.



## Legion of Mary

The Mount Argus Legion of Mary group meets **every Monday** at 7.15pm in the Legion of Mary centre at 60 Sundrive Road, Kimmage. New members are welcome.

## Volunteers

We thank all who have come forward to date to offer their time and talents. We have met with the new volunteers, (Readers), and we will next arrange to meet the New Eucharistic Ministers.

## Tax Relief on Donations

We have drawn together the financial records for 2025. We now ask individuals, who have made contributions in excess of €250.00 to the Parish, to complete the relevant CHY forms to enable us to process a tax relief claim. Please make yourself known to Fr Aidan.

## Alfie Lambe Mass

Mass for the Beatification of Alfie Lambe, will be offered in St Agnes Church, Crumlin, on **Sunday, 5 March at 12.30 pm**. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy PP. Alfie, a native of Tullamore, Co. Offaly, and a Legion of Mary Envoy to South America was named as "Servant of God" in recognition of the holiness and dedication of his short life.

## Special Family Mass

Next Sunday, **8<sup>th</sup> March** at the **11:00am Mass**, the liturgy will be led by the children of Scoil Mológa. Following the Mass, there will be tea/coffee in the St Charles Centre – everyone welcome.

**Mount Argus Parish Centre** (179 Lower Kimmage Road) will host a Coffee Morning on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along - everyone welcome.

## Pilgrimage to Knock

The **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Knock will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. The theme this year is 'Baptised and Sent'. Contact: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

## THEWAY.IE

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

**We pray for the sick and housebound** of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Tony Kelly, Philomena Seery and Anna Smith; and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Paddy Murray, Marie O'Mahony, Brendan Crowe (BR), Christina Gavigan, Eileen Mulvey and Teresa Greene.

## Financial Update

Last week's collection	€2,318.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€369.00
and card machines	€845.50

## 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*