



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

First Sunday of Lent

As we begin the season of Lent, the readings highlight our freedom to make choices.

In our first reading, God gives us the freedom, out of love; freedom to make choices, even wrong choices, as Adam and Eve did when they succumbed to the enticing voice of the serpent. The Psalm is the prayer of one who realises that they have made wrong choices, but then seeks forgiveness, a pure heart and a steadfast spirit, promising in return to praise the Lord joyfully.

For Paul in our second reading, 'when all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came' – in the person of Jesus. Jesus restores our friendship with God and our life with him.

In the gospel, Jesus himself, even though he was sorely tempted, made the right choices by refusing the devil's repeated offers; his preferring instead to serve and worship God at all times.

Lent

Lent is a good time to become more aware of the choices that we make in our own daily lives. We can do this by spending a little more time each day with the Lord, as we accompany him on his journey towards Jerusalem and his Passion, and then to the resurrection at Easter.

The name for this season of the Church's year originally meant 'spring', deriving from the German root for 'long'. Lent is the time of the year when the days become noticeably longer. The word came into use when sermons were first given in English, replacing the Latin *quadragesima* ('fortieth'). Lent lasts for forty days, which is a significant period in Scripture. This is the length of the flood in Genesis, of Moses's fast before he was given the Ten Commandments, and of Jesus' stay in the desert before beginning his active ministry. Lent is a time of awakening - an opportunity to 'start again'; a chance for renewal and re-commitment. Above all, it is a call to love in the way that Jesus loved the Father and each of us, continually and through self-giving. Lent is a time when we focus on drawing nearer to God as we journey with Jesus to the great celebration of Easter.

Traditional Lenten practices can assist us with this, and our works of love can take many forms. Prayer, repentance and forgiveness lie at the heart of our faith. Fasting can help us develop internal freedom, and almsgiving may prompt us not just to give money, but also time, support and friendship – and even a listening ear. All of these are well tried ways in which we can co-operate with God.

Parish Review

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

St Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul will take place after the Masses **this weekend**. Please give generously.

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 Thursdays and Fridays 4 – 6pm)
- Stations of the Cross (after 10am Mass on Fridays)
- *Lectio Divina**
- Spiritual Reading (The Practice of the Presence of God)**

* 2nd – 5th 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, beginning **26th February**, there will be gospel reflections via zoom.



For registration use the QR code, or e: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

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.

Divine Mercy Conference

The Divine Mercy Conference will take place from **27th February to 1st March**, in the RDS - see poster at the back of the church.

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, via the bank or the website/on-line, to complete the relevant CHY forms to enable us to process a tax relief claim. Please make yourself known to Fr Aidan.

Knock

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **8th March** - €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Contact 087 1890 236; or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Single supplement on enquiry

Alfie Lambe Mass

The Annual Mass in remembrance of the Legion of Mary Envoy, Servant of God, Alfie Lambe, will be celebrated on **Sunday, 1st March** at 12:30pm, St Annes' Church. This Servant of God, was a dedicated and committed lay worker with the Legion of Mary in South America, particularly in Argentina where he is buried. Since his death on the Feast of Saint Agnes, 21st January 1959, thousands still visit his grave in Buenos Aires.

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, who is from Argentina, will be the main celebrant of the Mass, The Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency, Miss Ana Cachaza, will be in attendance.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Cora Morris, Breege Murphy, Dolores Byrne and Christopher Nolan (aged 56); and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Kitty and Brigid McNally their parents and siblings, Philip and Margaret Irwin, Henry Jordan, Deirdre Lawlor, Joseph and Cody Ryan, Catherine and Edward O'Connor, Carmel Gaffney.

Financial Update

Last week's collection	€1,265.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website and card machines	€229.00
	€1,078.50
ACCORD Dublin	€730.00

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