



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we approach Holy Week, (next Sunday being Palm Sunday) our readings focus on the theme of being restored to life. The Scripture is full of hope, inviting us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and eternal life.

We read in our first reading that the Israelites, living in exile in Babylon, lack hope and direction. But the Lord speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, telling how he will raise them up. He will put his Spirit within them, giving them new life, and restore them to their homeland.

This prophesy is fulfilled in the Gospel. The story of resurrection of Lazarus (which means 'God helps') is only found in John's Gospel. This has led some scholars to question its historicity. There are, however, fairly similar stories in the other Gospels, such as the raising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5: 35-43). The raising of Lazarus is the seventh and last 'sign' in John's Gospel. These are 'signs' of new life and new joy, promises that the old will be swept away and of something anew. They point to a new creation; a new creation through and beyond death. Jesus brings new life, eternal life, which begins now.

God's love and power over death are made known as Lazarus is raised by Jesus, the One who brings life where there is death. On the one hand, death has the traditional sense of being biologically alive or dead. On the other, it has a more symbolic meaning. Life is to be with God, here on earth or in heaven, whereas death is to be separated from God. In other words, those who believe in Jesus will never die. Jesus reveals himself as 'the resurrection and the life', calling us to believe and trust in him.

In our second reading, St Paul reminds us that living by Christ's Spirit – the Spirit of truth, love, compassion and justice – gives us hope, and brings true life and peace.

Child Safeguarding

Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection. To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 187 6203. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding Statement of the Archdiocese of Dublin, 2025", prepared to comply with the requirements of the Children's First Act 2015, is available at the reception desk in the monastery.

St Vincent de Paul

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

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)**

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



Station of the Cross in Phoenix Park

The annual Way of the Cross through Phoenix Park will take place on **Good Friday, 3rd April**. Led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, it will begin at the Wellington Monument at 12:00noon and proceed to the Papal Cross.

Tax Relief on Donations

We now ask individuals, who have made contributions in excess of €250.00 to the Parish, last year to complete the relevant CHY forms to enable us to process a tax relief claim. Fr Aidan will be available after all Masses **this weekend** to offer assistance and advice.

Easter Dues

Easter Dues (Half-yearly Dues) can be made via envelopes at the back of the Church, the website and card machines.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Austin Barton and Ann Seery; and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Vincent O'Neill, Tom Kavanagh, Pamela Nolan, Teresa Lonergan, Dolores Byrne (MM), Maureen Harkan, Maureen Farrell and John Hester.

Financial Update

Last week's collection	€1,265.00
St Patrick's Day collection	€585.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00

Donations via website and card machines	€200.00
	€1,367.50

Holy Week and Easter

Next Sunday **29th March** is **Palm Sunday**, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at the 6:15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday.

Confessions

Saturday, 28th March

11:00am Mass of Reconciliation
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday, 1st April

11:00am - 11:30am and 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Holy Thursday, 2nd April

10:30am - 11:30am and 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Good Friday, 3rd April

10:30am - 11:30am and
➤ after the 3:00pm Service
➤ after the Seven Last Words

Holy Saturday, 4th April

10:30am - 11:30am and 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Holy Week Services

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st

Masses at 10:00am and 6:15pm

Holy Thursday, 2nd April

10:00am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Church will be open for adoration until 9.00pm

Good Friday, 3rd April

10:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
7:30pm Seven Last Words
(Music by the Male Voice Choir of An Garda Siochana)

Holy Saturday, 4th April

10:00am Morning Prayer
9:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Masses at 8:00am, 11:00am and 4:00pm

Easter Week

(ONLY one Mass per day)	Mass	Confessions
Mon 6th Apr (bank holiday)	11:00am	~
Tues 7th Apr - Fri 10th Apr	10:00am	~
Sat 11th Apr	11:00am	4:00pm

The Church will close at 5:00pm during the week. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration will resume as per normal on Wednesday 15th April.