



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

Third Sunday of Lent

From this Sunday onwards, our Lenten Gospels come from John and focus on very personal encounters with Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan woman at a well.

The Samaritans were Jews who interbred with foreigners brought in from Babylonia and Media by the Assyrian conquerors in 722 BC to settle the land with inhabitants who would be loyal to them. They did not recognise Jerusalem as the place to worship God. They worshipped on Mount Gerizim, close to the town of Shechem. They only accepted the first five books of the Old Testament, but were looking forward to the coming of a Messiah. Jews considered Samaritans and their possessions as ritually unclean.

Seeing the Samaritan woman's deepest need for healing, he invites her to draw from the well of living water. He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus.

The First Reading stands in stark contrast to this image of faith and surrender. Moses has led God's chosen people out of slavery from Egypt. Years of exile in the desert causes them to grumble and doubt. They are tired and thirsty. God hears their cry and provides a spring of water. And the Psalm reflects on this painful part of Israel's history and encourages us to be joyful and faithful; always listening to the voice of God and not hardening our hearts towards him.

The Second Reading is a beautiful letter of love, reminding us that God's love is forever poured into our hearts. This brings to mind the words of St Paul of the Cross, "*the Passion of Christ is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love*". Graced with so much love for us, we must never lose hope, no matter what trials we might face.

Filled with this love and sustained by living water, we, too, are called to go out beyond our comfort zone to pour out God's love on others. This week, let us pray for the grace to respond generously to this love, and like the Samaritan woman, invite others to believe and be transformed by the healing love of God.

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 will visit Mount Argus parish on the evening of **Tuesday 10th March**. The meeting will take place at **7:30pm** in the St Charles Centre – everyone welcome.

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)**

* 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



HOPEFEST - A night of faith, community and hope, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun, D9 on **Sunday 8th 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 St Charles Centre. 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.

Special Family Mass

Today, Sunday, **8th 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.

Tea/Coffee Morning

Mount Argus Parish Centre (179 Lower Kimmage Road) will host a Coffee Morning on **Friday 20th March** from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along - everyone welcome.

Drive & Drop

Donate essential baby supplies, and help a mother in need on Mother's Day, **Sunday 15th March** 9:00am – 1:00pm, at Three Patrons car park, Rathgar.

Pilgrimage to Knock

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

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: John Behan, Brian Rutledge; and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Mary Byrne Dolley, Marie McBride, P B Slattery, Thomas and Angela O'Brien, Honor Kenny, Patrick Bourke, Ger Kenny, Deceased members of the Carey Family, Peggy Reilly (MM), Mary Watson, Michael Brown, John and Carmel Crowley.

Financial Update

Last week's collection	€1,165.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€911.00
and card machines	€212.00

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