



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

YOU'RE SPECIAL!

Many years ago some very close friends of mine, who already had a young son, decided that they would adopt a baby daughter, and repeated the process a couple of years later. They decided from the start, even though it wasn't common practice at the time, that they would be totally open with the girls and let them be aware from the very start that they were adopted. As a result, almost from the time they could talk the girls would introduce themselves as "we're 'dopted, we're special"! And, of course, they were – special, I mean. And now, heading for fifty years later, they still are. Over the years, while the fact that they were adopted was not the most important feature in their lives, it naturally arose as a topic of discussion from time to time, usually in a fun way, imagining their possible origins and teasing each other with all kinds of weird and wonderful, and sometimes even horrible, possibilities.

I have vague memories, going back to my own early teens, of there being some very rare occasions, usually when there'd been some, what at the time seemed like a, major disagreement with my parents, lying in bed at night and wondering whether in fact they were really my parents or if I'd been adopted! Feeling sorry for myself, I felt it would just serve them right if I left and went and found my real parents! At times like that it didn't feel so special being adopted! Of course by the time I'd woken up the next morning I was back to the real world. Of course I was special (ahem), just like all children are special to their parents. And, to be clear, I certainly wasn't adopted.

But, to get back to my story, when my own mother died in 1991, my father having pre-deceased her by nine years, I was, technically, an orphan! So, just to tease the girls, I told them that since they had such a lovely life and were so well looked after in their family, I was going to ask their parents to adopt me as well, as I wanted to be special too. Of course, I should have known better, because when it came to teasing I wasn't even in their league! Suffice it to say that my threatened application for special status got short shrift. I would just have to remain an orphan!

In some ways it's an awful word that, 'orphan'. It defines a person in terms of what they haven't, i.e. living parents. It's never really nice to be defined in negative terms. And certainly it's not the kind of thing that Christ would do to us! So it's comforting in today's Gospel to hear Him telling us that He would not leave us orphans. We can be tempted to think at times that His Ascension into heaven, which we'll be celebrating next Sunday, was our loss. If only He were still here on earth with us how different things would be! But He's assuring us in the Gospel today that He **is** still here. If His Ascension was in any way a leaving, it was a leaving of the confines of His earthly body, so that He might dwell in his Mystical Body, the church, us.

"I will be with you all days". "Where two or three are gathered in My name" "I am in my Father and you in me and I in you." These are but some of the ways in which Christ has reminded us that we're not orphaned, but are very much part of a special family, cared for by a loving Father, united with His eternal Son, and filled with His Holy Spirit. Just how 'SPECIAL' can one be?

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St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The monthly collection in aid of the work of St. Vincent de Paul, will be taken up after all the masses next week-end, 16th/17th May.

The Rosary during May

Every day during the month of May, the Rosary is prayed at 5.00 pm at the statue of Our Lady on Priory Road. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Trochaire Boxes

Please return your Trochaire boxes as soon as possible. Boxes may be given in to the sacristy in the church, or to reception in the monastery.

Family Mass

Our Family Mass is **next** Sunday, 17th May, with the liturgy led by children from Scoil Mológa and our parish. All are welcome to join us after Mass for tea & coffee in the St Charles Centre

Mass for the Sick

Our Mass for the sick, which includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Mount Argus on Saturday, 23rd May at 11.00 am. Further details to follow.

Special Celebration of St. Charles

On Sunday, **24th May**, there will be a special celebration of the life and legacy of St Charles of Mt Argus — part of Harold's Cross Festival 2026. After Mass and the usual blessing with the relic at 11am, the St. Charles Centre will be open from 12.00 to 3.30pm, during which there will be a brief presentation & video etc. Further details to follow.

"Harmonies in May" – this evening

Mount Argus Church is pleased to host '*Harmonies in May*', a concert of classical, popular and barbershop pieces this **Sunday, 10th May 2026**, (doors open at 6:30pm). Performances by Katy Kelly, Insieme, the Seasharps, Mount Argus Singers, with

accompanist Margarita Vilkoviskaia (our organist).

Tickets will be available at the door or via online Eventbrite.



Admission €15 (€10 for Seniors/ and students; under 16: free).

Proceeds in support of Insieme and Mount Argus parish.

Bereaved parents

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening **this Monday**, 11th May, at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. This event is **free** and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: William Rockett, Brid Wilson, Elizabeth Power (Funeral 11.30 Monday 11th); and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time**: Gregoria Lopez De Beraud (month's mind), John Murphy, James & Margaret Ross & family, Christopher Greene, Willie Tobin, Bridget Flattery, Bridget McDermott (month's mind), Noreen McGann, Janes Byrne, Olga Murphy (month's mind).

Financial Update

Last week's Collection	€1435.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€258.00
Card machines	€784.50