



# 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  
**Sf 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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## **The Ascension of the Lord**

### **MISSION POSSIBLE!**

I'm not sure if I have mentioned before that shopping is not my favourite pastime. I find it endurable if I can go to a shop knowing exactly what it is that I'm looking for. I can generally manage to find it, pay for it, and go on my merry way. But ask me to do 'general' shopping, and especially gift shopping, and I go into some form of trance. I will probably end up going from store to store, hoping that something very obviously suitable will 'jump out at me' – but of course it never happens. I look at this – clearly too cheap-looking – , at that – I don't know if they'd really like it – and the other – they probably have too many of them already. And as often as not I go home with nothing saying to myself that I'll try again another day. And all the time the occasion – Christmas, birthday, whatever – is getting closer, and stress levels are getting higher. It feels like mission impossible!

But at my worst I've never had the experience an acquaintance told me about not so long ago! (And, I promise, I did not dream this up!) Imagine yourself going into a store. You explain to the assistant that you're looking for a present for a man, we'll say, but you're not too sure what to get him. "How well do you know him?" asks the helpful assistant. "Not that well". And then the killer question – "**Do you like him?**"!!! Wouldn't you really love to answer – "No, not really, but it would be very bad form not to get him a present to mark this special occasion"? What would happen? Would I be invited to "Please step this way, and I'll show you our section with presents for people you don't really like."

What would such a section contain? Cuban cigars that explode when lit? Really beautifully scented perfume that turns bright pink when it comes into contact with skin? Candle-lit dinner for two in McDonalds? The mind boggles! And I presume there have to be sub-sections – for people that irritate you a little, for people that you can just about tolerate, and for people who really get under your skin. "Might I suggest, sir, you buy them this cartoon book on table-manners– they won't really know if it's a joke, or if you're really telling them something!" "Or we have just got in this faulty consignment of

what is normally a very expensive champagne – just the thing to make them feel really honoured – that is, until they open it!” “Or we have found that this generally greatly upsets them .....

But, of course, that’s not really what giving gifts is all about. They are intended to be a token of love and respect. The greater the esteem in which the person is held, the more significant (not necessarily expensive!) the gift. When Jesus laid down His very life for us, He gave us a measure of the love He has for us. If He values us that highly, the question surely has to be – “what’s blinding us to seeing that value in each other?” There is no ambiguity in His love, or in His gifts. And there is no ambiguity in His message to us in our Gospel today as He ascends to His Father – that it is our mission to spread His message of love to the whole world – that **all** lives must be valued and respected. And despite the discouragement we may feel at times – just look at the state of the world at the moment – we take heart from the words of today’s gospel – “Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”. With that kind of support, it has to be very much a “Mission Possible”.

By the way, I’m forgoing all birthday presents this year, just in case!

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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 this week-end, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Family Mass**

Our Family Mass is this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 11.00 am with participation of 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 this coming Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00 am. If you are aware of any sick or elderly who would appreciate being here, but couldn’t make it on their own, perhaps you might be able to provide/arrange transport for them?

### **Special Celebration of St. Charles**

On Sunday, **24<sup>th</sup> May**, there will be a special celebration of the life and legacy of St Charles of Mt Argus. This is being organised in conjunction with the 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 time there will be brief presentations & videos etc. and of course the usual refreshments.

### **Triduum of Hope**

It is with great regret that, for reasons beyond my control, I have to announce that there will be no preached Triduum of Hope this year. On the scheduled days – 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May – the triduum prayers will be incorporated into the morning and evening masses.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Pray for Life Novena**

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers. The prayers will also be posted on Facebook and Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

**We pray for the sick and housebound** of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: William Rockett, Brid Wilson, Elizabeth Power, Vincent Fay; and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time**: Evelyn Ashworth, Don Cooney, Annette Corrigan, Brendan Kelly, Martin Reilly, Paddy & Mel Ryan, Breda Laffey, Eimear Herron, Walter & Eileen Girvin, Paddy & Ina Mackey, Larry Finn.

### **Financial Update**

Last week’s Collection	€1175.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€141.00
Card machines	€981.00