



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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVING AND GIVING

Whatever else people may think about him, there is no doubt that Jesus was one of the great communicators of all time. The very fact that stories told by him two thousand years ago are still part of our language – everyone knows, for instance, what a ‘good Samaritan’ or a ‘prodigal son’ is – would be proof enough of that, but, more importantly, the teaching that he handed down is still influencing billions of lives in our present times. One of the marks of a good communicator, I suggest, is that they have a great awareness of, and sensitivity to, what people will take from what they say.

How many of us get very frustrated when something we say gets taken up in a completely unintended way? I remember many years ago becoming aware that a good friend hadn't spoken to me for over a month, even though we had seen each other often in that time. Upon asking him straight out if I had offended him in some way, he replied that I obviously had a low opinion of his reliability. (Which I very definitely didn't!) So that you can understand what follows, I should explain that when my parents were alive, I would try to visit them as often as I could. Because of the various ministries I was involved in, there could be no regular pattern to my visits. When leaving home I would explain that I didn't know when I might see them again, and my mother would always reply – “We'll expect you when we see you”. Meaning, of course, that they would always be happy to see me, whenever. To get back to the incident with my friend, apparently he was leaving a gathering one night, and had said that he wasn't sure if he could make the next meeting, and I had used my mother's phrase – “I'll expect you when I see you” – which he took to mean “I would never depend on you anyway until you actually turned up”. I had to give him the above explanation, and all was well again.

Often it feels like it's much easier to be misunderstood than to be understood correctly. One sympathises with the poor priest who was doing his best at the Baptism of baby Thomas, whose little 7 year-old brother was intently watching and listening to everything that was going on. As they were driving

home afterwards, he sat very quietly and rather sadly in the back seat of the car, until his mother finally enquired as to what was the matter. “The priest said Thomas was very lucky because his is going to be brought up in a Christian home - but I want him to stay with us”, was the unexpected reply!

Jesus was a master communicator. There is no jargon or remote terminology in his message. There is no mistaking the meaning of stories like the good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son; or of sayings like "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself." It's only when we start introducing 'ifs' and 'buts' and 'maybe's' that we begin to confuse the simplicity of His teaching. No wonder our gospel today talks of Jesus feeling sorry for us – harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd – in other words, very prone to getting lost.

We live in different times, and in a much-changed world. If Jesus were today choosing His special twelve it mightn't be fishermen or tax-collectors He would be choosing. They were indeed the generous souls of His day – the ones who responded whole-heartedly when He said He needed them – the ones who left their nets, or their seats at the custom-house to follow Him – the ones who did whatever the Lord said needed to be done. Thank God we still have so many people prepared to say 'Yes' – yes to His call not only be loving people, but to bring the message of His love to a world that so desperately needs it!

Indeed, our parish is truly blessed in having so many such people, who generously give of their time to be readers, Eucharist ministers, singers, ushers, cleaners, flower arrangers, etc etc. And I know that there are many more who are equally generous with their time and effort, in ways known only to the Lord. All these people live the words of Christ in today's Gospel – “You received without charge, give without charge”. On behalf of all of us - Thank you very much.

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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, 13th/14th June. We encourage you to support their wonderful work with your usual generosity.

Last Bulletin before the summer break. Usually the bulletin summer break would begin in July, but for personnel reasons will have to miss out on week-ends of 21st and 28th June.

Family Mass Sunday 21st June

We will be celebrating our next Family Mass this coming Sunday, 21st June at the 11.00am Mass, followed by the usual light refreshments in the St. Charles Centre. All are welcome.

National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for

the Archdiocese of Dublin, please follow the link provided. <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Unpacking *Magnifica Humanitas*.

The Loyola Institute invite anyone interested to join them for a webinar on this important encyclical. Wednesday 17th June 4pm - 5pm. It will feature Provost Linda Doyle, Prof. Massimo Faggioli, Dr. Fainche Ryan, and Bishop Paul Tighe. Event is free, but registration is required. Register [here](#). Details on the Loyola Institute website <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/>

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Justin McCarthy, Dora Bracken, Zak Caffrey, Thomas Dempsey ... and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time**: Julie O'Connor, Betty Power (Month's mind), Louis Murray, Sean & Maura Bolger, deceased members of the O'Connell Family, Brendan Kegan, Martin Reilly.

Financial Update

Last week's Collection	€1,290.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€149.00
Card machines	€1,169.05