



# 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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I don't know whether you would agree, but my general experience has been that giving people directions is an art that surprisingly few people master! I'm not referring to instructing people on what to do – many people are very good at that! - but giving them directions on how to arrive at a particular destination. You know how it is – you want to find a particular restaurant, or shop, or even church, and someone has been there before and obligingly shares with you the best way to get there. You know the kind of thing – “Take such and such a bus, get off at that stop, walk a hundred yards to your north, take the second street on your left, and it'll be right in front of you!” And then the killer add-on – “You can't miss it!” It must be some special gift I have for achieving the impossible, but time and time again I have most definitely managed to “miss it”!

Often nowadays people talk of their “faith journey”, which for many of us begins with our baptism and we hope will end with entrance into the heavenly kingdom. For many others it can be much more complicated, maybe beginning from a non-faith, or alternative faith, background, before eventually finding Christ, “the way, the truth and the life”. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves taking wrong turns here and there, going down cul-de-sacs and dangerous ‘diversions’ that take us off the straight and narrow. And, like any other journey, we can be helped or hindered on our way by the directions that we receive from others. Isn't it interesting that Corpus Christi, which we celebrate today, was one of the very few feasts which we in Ireland celebrated by going on a journey – we called them Processions. It might be short, like the processions through our grounds here in Mount Argus, or longer, as happened where

processions went from one end of a parish to the other. Whatever the length, it could be seen as an external expression of Christ and us travelling together. But that 'travelling together' should not be seen as something reserved for special occasions, but rather as our normal way of being.

And on that journey we're fortunate to have a fellow traveller whom we can rely on to give us very clear directions as to how to travel. Want to find directions to where to find the healthiest food of all for the journey? The Lord gives us a few simple directions in today's readings – "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". And, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him." It might have been far more convenient, for instance, if Jesus had said at the Last Supper – "Look, here's a special recipe that I'm leaving with you. Every time you make this dish and eat it together, I want you to remember me and this last meal we're having together." Convenient, but not very adventurous. Now, there's a strange word to use about the Eucharist – adventurous. And surely, in the very deepest meaning of that word, that's what our celebration of the Eucharist, and this special Feast of Corpus Christi should be – an **adventure**, an exciting **coming** together with the Lord.

Whenever we receive the Eucharist at mass we set out on an adventurous journey – not just from our seat to the altar, but the journey of faith from seeing bread at the offertory to receiving the living body of Christ in Communion. How can anybody who has ever made their First Communion – like all the lovely children over the past few months here – ever miss out on the opportunity to come back time and time again? It's certainly not Jesus' fault if we "miss" it. The directions couldn't be clearer!

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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, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Archbishop Welcomes Pope Leo's First Encyclical**

The Statement of Archbishop Farrell welcoming the publication of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (The Grandeur of Humanity), can be read [on the diocesan website](https://www.dublindiocese.ie/) - <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/>

### **Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Farrell**

Archbishop Farrell has issued a Pastoral Letter to mark the feast of Pentecost. It can be downloaded from the Diocesan website - <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/>. An enlarged version is available in the notice boards at the back of the church.

### **Clogher Road Novena**

The Sacred Heart Novena will be continuing in St. Bernadette's Church on Clogher Road during this coming week, concluding on Friday,

June 12<sup>th</sup>. For further and more detailed information, visit their website – [www.sbccc.ie](http://www.sbccc.ie)

**We pray for the sick and housebound** of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Carmel Crowe, Justin McCarthy (Funeral 11.30am Monday), Dora Bracken (Funeral 1.00pm Monday), Zak Caffrey (young nephew of our receptionist Arlene – funeral arrangements unknown when going to print.) ... and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time**: Superintendent John McLaughlin (Month's mind), Willie Reilly (Month's ind), Ann Webb, Emily O'Brien, Josephine Smith, Brigid Shortall, James Perry, Phylis Walsh, Julie O'Connor, Betty Power (Month's mind).

### **Financial Update**

Last week's Collection	€1570.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€219.00
Card machines	€953.00