



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REQUIEM MASS FOR AIDAN O'KANE CP

First and foremost I want to take this opportunity on behalf of our community here in Mount Argus to thank all of you who went out of your way to attend the ceremonies around Fr. Aidan's funeral, and/or sent messages of condolence. Your prayers and support at this very sad time are very much appreciated. We dedicate this newsletter to his memory, by including the welcome and homily given by Fr. Martin, our Provincial, at the requiem mass on Thursday.

Welcome:

Welcome everyone to this requiem mass for Fr. Aidan. A special word of welcome to Aidan's brothers Padraig and Mark and their wives, to his nephew Martin and to the extended family and all his friends who have come here today. Welcome to Bishop Roche who is here to represent the Archbishop and Archdiocese of Dublin.

We celebrate this requiem mass for Fr. Aidan in his parish church. It is an opportunity for the people of the parish to gather around their priest and pastor for one last time, to give thanks to God for this good and holy priest, to remember with fondness his kindness and care, and to offer their prayer and support to Aidan's family.



Homily

"Into your hands O Lord, we commend our brother Aidan."

My dear friends, we come into the presence of our good and gracious God to express our sadness and grief at the passing of our brother Aidan and to implore the Lord to welcome him into the fullness of new life in heaven.

Unlike unbelievers, despite our deep sorrow, we are filled with hope that just as Jesus rose to new life after his terrible death on the cross, so too Aidan will share that same new life in the resurrection

of the dead. Lord Jesus, you know how Aidan shared in your suffering, give him now a share in your glorious resurrection. Receive him into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Fr. Aidan O’Kane, your brother, uncle, neighbour, and friend was a Passionist religious and parish priest here in Mount Argus for just under a year. In that short time, he had endeared himself to the people, he baptised babies, anointed the sick, comforted the bereaved, presided at funerals, nourished the people on the Eucharist and on the Word. He was becoming a true pastor helping the people of the parish to adapt to the challenges of changing times and an uncertain future. He did so much in such a short time. He will be greatly missed. Here today, we the Passionist community and the parish community of Mount Argus are united with you his family in grief and prayer.

All of us have been shocked and stunned by the tragic accident that took Aidan’s life so unexpectedly but we draw some consolation from the fact that he spent his last days close to Medjugorje, one of the places he loved most on this earth. As we visited him on that last day in Mostar, he seemed so much at peace, I was convinced that he was being held in the loving arms of Mary as he slowly passed from this world to the next.

By becoming a Passionist, Aidan chose to dedicate his life to the memory of the passion and death of Jesus. He believed with all his heart and soul that the passion of Jesus was the greatest and most convincing revelation of God’s great love for each one of us. Through the ups and downs of his life, Aidan had come to the conviction that, despite appearances, God is really and truly present and active in the most unlikely places. He was there in the shabby stable at Bethlehem and even more surprising, God was there on the terrible hill of execution as Jesus was brutally put to death on Calvary. In other words, it was Aidan’s faith that when everything seems lost, where suffering is at its most agonising, where hope seems impossible, God is present, God is there bringing life from death, bringing light from darkness, and hope from despair.

For that reason and in the same way, we too, who are gathered here today, believe that God was with Aidan in those most difficult moments of pain and suffering and that God has brought him safely home by the hand.

And so, my dear friends, as we hand our brother back into the hands of God our Father and creator, let us also pray for ourselves. Though our hearts are broken, we pray for the grace to share Aidan’s faith in the mysterious presence and action of God in this time of terrible loss and pain. Like Mary at the foot of the cross, struggling to understand and accept God’s will, we gather around the remains of our brother and reaffirm our faith and trust that God is here and that Aidan is safe in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary.

Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord

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Mission Sunday:

Next Sunday, 18th October, is Mission Sunday. A collection will be taken up after all the masses in support of overseas mission. It takes place in every parish worldwide where the Church is present.

Bereaved Parents’ Support Evening:

Anam Cara, which supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to pre-register.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died**

recently: Fr. Aidan O’Kane C.P. ... and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Fletcher, Michael Scriney, Martin Reilly, Anthony Dunleavy, Nan O’Donoghue, John O’Reilly, Annette Scully, Anita Fleming, Mary Carney, Peg, Robert & Michael Fitzgerald, Una Burke, Patrick Bennett, Carmel Hickey.

Financial Update

Last week’s Collection	€1,525.00
Bank Standing Orders (average)	€250.00

Donations via website	€218.25
Card machines	€854.00