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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All You Need Is Love

First of all I want to say a sincere 'thank you' to all those who took the trouble this past week to respond to my invitation to share any suggestions you had with regard to the enhancing of our lives as a community here at Mount Argus. Let me assure you that all your suggestions are valued and are already forming part of our ongoing agenda in planning the way forward. Not surprisingly, there was considerable reference to things that were valued in the past, but because of covid, change of personnel, and other factors, were no longer in operation. Many of these were lay-led, and many related to helping people deepen their knowledge of their faith and their prayer life. Without in any way wishing to attempt to turn back the clock, as it were, there is still very much a need for such projects. It would be very much my hope that before Christmas – only two months away – we might have a general meeting to discuss the way forward.

As has been frequently pointed out in recent years, we cannot simply continue as if nothing has changed – either here, or in the wider church, or in the world in general. To take but a simple and obvious example – the vast majority of the liturgical celebrations in our church are led by men in their eighties. For the bulk of those celebrations we are attempting to light and heat an area that is less than one twentieth occupied – surely not in keeping with care for our planet. I, and I'm sure each of you, could list many other areas where present practise is not sustainable.

But I say all this, not in despair, but in the hope that we can muster together all the good will, all the talents, all the commitment that I know, without being in any way patronising, exist in our community – but we so often take for granted, and don't allow or encourage to flourish. And our gospel today is reminding us of the need to constantly be aware of the essentials at the heart of being a follower of Christ. It's that passage where again they are trying to catch Jesus out with what they think

are tricky questions – this time it's "which is the greatest commandment of the law?" And you'll remember Jesus' reply – about loving God totally, and loving our neighbour as ourselves. "On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

And I think it's good to bring ourselves back to this passage frequently, especially at those times when we can easily get confused – what is the teaching of the Church about this or that; how do I apply the teaching of Christ to this situation? And the answer always is – Do the loving thing – are we showing our love for God, and for our neighbour, by behaving in this way? Jesus is reminding us that all He is asking of us is that we should do all those relatively routine and minor things in a loving and positive way. No need for us to do anything earth-shattering!

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Bank Holiday Monday:
No need, I'm sure, to remind you that this coming Monday, 26th, is a bank holiday. The usual church opening and mass times apply – i.e. Mass at 11.00 am. Church closes at 5.00pm. No evening mass.

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. Please come well prepared.

November – Holy Souls
November Dead Lists are available at the back of the church, and at the monastery reception. As usual, the lists of names will be kept on the sanctuary and remembered in our masses during the month of November, and monthly throughout the year.

On **Saturday 7th November**, at the 11:am Mass, the Parish will remember all the deceased whose funerals took place in Mount Argus in the last year. Family members and relatives are invited to attend the Mass and Service of Light, where a candle will be lighted and placed on the altar rails in their loved one's memory as we remember and pray for them.

The annual Mass for deceased Gardai will be celebrated on **Saturday 14th November**.

The annual mass for deceased Passionists will be celebrated on **Saturday 21st November**.

Coombe Hospital Bicentenary:
The Coombe Hospital chaplaincy department invite you to join them in a community walk of thanksgiving, remembrance and hope on Thursday, 5th November, between 5.30 and 7.00 pm. You can find further details on the poster in our noticeboard at the back of the church.

National First Saturdays Conference:
This takes place on Saturday November 28th in Knock, from 10am to 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Many well-known speakers. A Eucharistic Healing Service will be led by Fr. John Keane. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

Mission Sunday:
Thank you for your very generous support of the Mission Sunday collection. To date, the magnificent sum of €2330 has been donated by you. If you have not donated before and you wish to do so, you may either phone (01) 497 2035, or go to: https://missio.ie/donate/

THEWAY.IE :
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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently:** Fr. Aidan O'Kane C.P., Jerry McEvoy **…** and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time:** Humphry Porter, Barney Champion, Ellen Cooney, Mick Kenny, Brendan John Kelly, Francis Whelan, Ronald Cullen, Kenneth Sterio, deceased members of Brady family, Anita Fleming.

Financial Update

Last week's Collection	€1,050.00
Standing Orders (est.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€192.25
Card machines	€1133.00