



# Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin D6W XR66

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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

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## **Good Shepherd Sunday**

I hope you won't mind too much if I take a short trip into nostalgia-land. This time back to my secondary school days, which typically covered the ages from 12 to 17. The whole process, particularly in the latter stages, was very exam-driven. Practically all class-time was spent sitting behind desks and reading text-books and writing down whatever the teacher wrote on the board. No sign of any fancy audio-visual aids in those days, or free-flow classrooms – not to mention half-terms and sports during school time! Don't get me wrong, not for a second would I suggest that education be delivered in the same way nowadays, which is not to say either that everything nowadays is ideal.

Because my secondary school was run by the De La Salle Brothers, obviously faith and religious knowledge had a prominent role to play. This was particularly evident during our final year in school – as we were approaching our Leaving Certificate Exams. Probably on an average of once every two weeks, our normal routine would be disturbed with the announcement that we would be having an address from a priest or brother from some religious order or other. Of course we were always delighted to have a break from the normal routine, but I would be exaggerating if I were to say that many of the speakers were given much serious attention. That being said, however, each year anything up to five or six boys from my school alone would enter a seminary or religious life.

In going back over the past like this I just wish to highlight some of the differences in attitude to becoming a priest or religious nowadays. That young people might not immediately find such a life very attractive in this day and age is perfectly understandable. The many other options open to them are very enticing and fulfilling. Very often young people are not helped by well-meaning parents who do not see 'having a vocation' as fulfilling their hopes for their children. One might well ask if there is not possibly something short-sighted in saying 'Mass is important to me, as long as it's not my child saying it'? If not mine, then whose?

But perhaps more significant than all the above is a very common-place attitude to be found among some priests and religious nowadays. Being more closely involved in the workings of the 'institutional' church, priests and religious are often better placed to see the many shortcomings that are undoubtedly there. Sadly I've heard many priests and religious make remarks like "I wouldn't advise any young person to come forward as a candidate for priesthood or religious life until the church has got its act together". Surely it is precisely in order to help the church to sort out its problems that it needs top-quality candidates.

And that's another problem for many priests nowadays – leadership. We like to emphasise, in reaction to the clericalism of previous times, and correctly, that the Church is all of us, not just the clergy. So all of us have to take responsibility for the health and strength of our church community. And part of that responsibility is seeing to it that there is good leadership – note, for instance, the difference to the church that the leadership of recent Popes has made. That's why, among other reasons, when we're praying for new vocations to priesthood and religious life, we need also to pray for our present priests and religious. And with all those prayers I hope to see a great improvement in me by next week!

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### Special Family Mass

Today, **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** at the **11:00am Mass**, the liturgy will be led by the children of Scoil Mológa. Following the Mass, there will be tea/coffee in the St Charles Centre – everyone welcome.



### Harmonies in May

Mount Argus Church is pleased to host '*Harmonies in May*', a concert of classical, popular and barbershop pieces on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**, (doors open at 6:30pm). Performances by Katy Kelly, Insieme, the Seasharps, Mount Argus Singers, with accompanist Margarita Vilkoviskaia (our organist).

Tickets will be available at the door or via online Eventbrite.

Admission €15 (€10 for Seniors/ and students; under 16: free).



Proceeds in support of Insieme and Mount Argus parish.

### Lay Ministry Collection

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection will take place on the weekend of **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May**. This collection will be taken up outside the church. The Lay Ministry Collection

will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more people to work alongside the priests, deacons and those responsible for faith development and education in the diocese and parishes.

### Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis

There is an 8-session course (Saturdays), run in St Paul's Arran Quay, for Parish Sacramental Preparation Teams, or for anyone who might be considering this important ministry. The course costs €200 – costs can be covered by the parish. More information, and applications to - [patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie).

**We pray for the sick and housebound** of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: .... ; and those whose **anniversary occurs at this time**: Michael & Pat Corrigan; Trish & Brian Furey; Mario Di Torano; Joan Breslin; Carmel McGloin; Michael Goodman; Peter Campbell; Maurice & Emily Culhane; Suzanne Ryan; deceased of Leonard, Ryan and Culhane families; Marie McGowan; Philip Albert; Philip William Ryan; Bernard Ryan; Patrick & Margaret Doyle; Paddy Griffin; Ann Seery (Months Mind).

### Financial Update

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| Last week's Collection                  | €1,110.00 |
| Bank Standing Orders (approx.)          | €250.00   |
| Donations via website and card machines | €296.00   |
|   | €982.00   |