



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

Trinity Sunday

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

I'm not sure if it's still the case nowadays – it's so long since I've been into the city – but I remember not all that long ago, when there were an increasing number of people from abroad visiting Ireland, and quite a number of immigrants settling down here, and before the days of the extensive use of the internet as a source of news, one could go into a major newsagents and find papers from all over the world. In many of them I could readily identify the alphabet they were using – the letters were recognisably the same as these ones I'm using. Others had a mixture of letters I could recognise, and letters written backwards or upside-down or inside-out.

Then there were others that to me simply looked like a page-full of squiggles, which I took to be Arabic and similar languages, and others still which had little bunches of squiggles tightly packed on the pages – which I took to be Japanese or Chinese or such – I'm not in any way a linguist, so pardon my ignorance – and of course no offence meant to anyone familiar with these languages. If I had been in pious mood at the time I might have reflected that God really did make a job of it at the Tower of Babel! I couldn't imagine in my mind that if I lived for a thousand years I would ever be able to make sense of these pages of squiggles.

And yet I'm fully aware that for millions of people in different parts of the world these, to me incomprehensible pages, make eminent sense, and keeps them informed as to what's going on in the world, and where, for instance, they can buy the most effective sun-cream – I hope you've been enjoying the spell we've been having lately.

I have a similar feeling about the Trinity – it doesn't make a lot of sense to me, especially mathematically, but that's not the same as saying that it's a nonsense. As the child reportedly replied to the Bishop who was quizzing him on the Trinity – 'You're not meant to understand it – it's a mystery!' In reality, of course, if I can't understand it, it's simply an indication of the

limitations of *my* mind, not an indication of the truth or otherwise of the mystery itself. And yet, probing ever deeper into that mystery is a rich source of understanding of the nature of love and life and community.

‘Trinity Sunday’ is a term that always evokes in my mind the phrase “from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday” – it was the period within which ‘especially’ we were to make our annual Confession and receive our annual Communion. Now, there’s a real mystery – how did the Church ever get itself into the position of suggesting that minimum standards might ever be in any way acceptable?

Mystery is not something our scientific world is too comfortable with, and yet aren’t so many of the beautiful things in our world steeped in mystery. The mystery of a love that makes two hearts beat as one; the mystery of a baby’s chuckle that lights up an entire room; the mystery of why there are so many great people who give so freely of their time to make life better for others, and so on. And, of course, the mystery of a God, who not only gives us life, but still chooses to love us – give His very life for us despite our failings, and bestows on us all the gifts of the Spirit. Isn’t that something to truly rejoice about in any language, squiggly or otherwise?

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Special Celebration of St. Charles

A very special word of thanks to Maria Diskin and the wonderful team that she assembled to organise and implement the special celebration of St. Charles last Sunday. There was quite an amount of response and appreciation from the many who availed of the opportunity to learn more, or in some cases to refresh their memories, about the life of St. Charles. Hopefully we can look forward to similar events in the future.

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.

Beginning Experience

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life following the loss of a life partner. Structured programmes are run by a team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced.

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The Dublin Beginning Experience Team is planning a Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme which will take place over three Saturdays: Saturday 6th June 20th June and 27th June 2026 (Advance Booking Essential) Venue: Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Clogher Road Novena

The Sacred Heart Novena will be taking place in St. Bernadette’s Church on Clogher Road from Thursday, June 4th, to Friday, June 12th. For further and more detailed information, visit their website – www.sbccc.ie

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently**: Patrick Lynch, Carmel Crowe (Funeral, 11.30am Tuesday) ... and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time**: Edward, Mary & Vincent Byrne, Susan Michaeu, Bridget Mulvey, Kevin & Maura Keegan, Philip William Ryan, Josephine Smith, Thomas Williams, Charlie Kenny, Patrick & Doris Dolan, Stephen O’Neill, Muriel Donnelly.

Financial Update

Last week’s Collection	€1155.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00
Donations via website	€129.00
Card machines	€1016.50