



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

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

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Saints Peter and Paul

POMP AND SIMPLICITY

I used to have a teacher in school who, even back then, thought the world was changing too fast, and not always for the better. One thing that particularly upset him was the names being given to children. As far as he was concerned any good Catholic parents should name their children after either Our Lady, or one of the saints. When he got on his hobby-horse one of his favourite lines was "back when boys were boys, and girls were girls, and Daisy was the name of a cow!" (No offence intended to anybody called Daisy – I'm just quoting the man!) Come to think of it, I don't know why he didn't say "and Daisy was the name of a flower" – possibly he saw problems with Rose and Lily, very popular Irish names in those days! Nor had I ever enough nerve to ask him who did he think the saints were named after – eg. St. Bernard – if he was the first St. Bernard then clearly he wasn't named after a saint! I never thought it was worth risking life and limb just to find out his answer.

As you will have noticed above, today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It's probably fair to say that after Jesus, Saint Peter and Saint Paul were the most influential figures in the early church. In a very real sense you could say that the pair of them sum up in a very practical way much of what the church is about. One came from a very simple background, with a name that means 'rock', but who was very fragile at times. The other was from a highly educated and academic background, with a name that means 'small' or 'humble', but was a huge figure in the early church, and not afraid to boast of the gifts God gave him. One was a follower of Jesus from the beginning of his ministry, the other began as a bitter enemy of Christianity only to eventually have his eyes opened to the truth and in turn become its greatest advocate. In other words, there are no limitations on the kinds of people or their backgrounds that may become followers of Christ – it is a

calling that is offered to all. But it isn't their differences that's the principle reason why the names of Saints Peter and Paul are still remembered two thousand years later – it's rather the common factor - that once they committed their lives to following Jesus, that commitment was total.

This Sunday is also the day traditionally when we have the Peter's Pence collection (but please don't take the 'pence' part of it too literally!) – a collection that I believe was once sent by dioceses throughout the world to Rome for the support of the Holy See. Nowadays it is entirely used for charitable purposes designated by the Pope. And I think we need have no doubt that with the mentality of our present Pope, Leo, we can be sure that it will be used in the places of greatest genuine need. Speaking of Pope Leo, I find it hard to believe that it's just under two months since he was elected Pope – he seems to have been around much longer than that! But already there seems to be a different, more hopeful, simpler, atmosphere in the church as a whole. Right from the start his refusal to accept unquestioningly the 'traditions' of the papacy, especially with regard to regalia, and 'Pope-centred' celebrations, has given new heart to those who had become discouraged by the seeming remoteness of the Church from the simplicity of the carpenter's Son from Nazareth. His focus on the needs of the poor – in a world where destitution is widespread – is a timely reminder and example to all of us.

But we all know in our hearts that it's not what goes on at the Vatican that truly represents the Church in our modern world, but what goes on in the hearts of the faithful scattered throughout the universe. Yes, we need good leadership, and the faithful always suffer in times of poor leadership. (And of course the same applies in all walks of life – be it the political, business, or whatever.) And so we should keep that leadership, at every level, constantly in our prayers. But if we demand simplicity of our leadership, as we rightly do, then we should be aware of the need for that simplicity in our own lives – the kind of simplicity that reminds us that behind all the books of erudite theology there are just two clear laws of life – love God and love one another. They have to be focus of our everyday living – they have to be the grounds on which we evaluate each day we live.

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St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection:

This will be taking place after all the masses this week-end, 21st and 22nd June.

Partnership Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Glendalough - Monday 7th July:

If you had hoped to join this pilgrimage – sorry, you've missed the bus – full to capacity.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025

Join the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday, 27th July, celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Grandparents, families and all the faithful are invited to this joyful celebration. The day includes Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm; Mass at 3pm, and rosary procession (weather permitting).

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish.....; we remember those who have died recently – Finbar Staunton, David Groome; and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Jack, Eileen, Mary & Patrick Hester, Fergus Mahon, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Annette Crowley, Ann Kane, Jane & Thomas McNally, Kathleen Kennerk, Eugene McGann, Marie O'Mahony .

Financial Update – 29 June 2025: Collection last Sunday, €1435. Standing orders for week, approx. €250. Donations via website, €118. Payments via credit card machines past week, €603.50.

Child Safeguarding: *Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 0851876203. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Dublin: Statement, Reporting Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines 2018" is available at the reception desk in the monastery.*