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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

A FEAST FIT FOR A KING

When I read the gospel for this Sunday I am always reminded of a particular evening I spent in Paris when I was stationed there in the early years of the millennium. This particular evening I had arranged to meet with a friend to go for a meal. Where we had arranged to meet was a busy street with wide footpaths. Much of the footpaths were covered by chairs and tables, extending out from various eating places, for the benefit of those who needed to smoke with their meals, and so couldn't eat indoors. I had arrived early for our meeting, and for reasons beyond his control my friend ended up being somewhat late. So I was left standing around for some time on a cold November evening.

I don't know how you feel about it, but sometimes when I'm standing around an area for a little period of time I begin to feel somewhat self-conscious – do people think I'm up to no good, that I'm casing some joint or other, or waiting for an opportunity to mug somebody? I know it's a crazy way to think, but I suppose it's healthier than contemplating a sticky end for whoever's kept me waiting! Anyway, on this occasion I didn't get much opportunity to indulge in such thoughts, as my attention was attracted to a man who was begging on the street. He was quite tall, somewhat unkempt, and really not being overly intrusive. He spotted two young ladies who had just sat down on a bench nearby – how they could do it in sub-zero temperatures, I don't know – and who were eating some take-away food, and clearly enjoying the food and the chat.

He approached them with his hand out. They looked up from their food, and to my surprise and admiration, instead of looking irritated, as they might well have, they actually handed over the food they were eating and clearly enjoying. And then, to my further surprise, instead of going off to eat it somewhere, he sat down on the bench beside them. Yes, I wasn't too surprised when the two ladies decided it was time to move on – in fairness, probably because they were beginning to feel the cold.

It does my heart good to see such spontaneous acts of kindness. It also makes me a little ashamed of how small-minded I can be at times myself. I couldn't help but think of the words of today's Gospel – "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?" Living in a world where bad news seems to get all the attention, it's nice to see such instances of all the lovely positive things that happen quietly in the background.

Our gospel today reminds us that there's no need to feel overwhelmed by all the evil that the media feed into our homes each day, almost giving us a sense that there's nothing we can do. There are plenty around us who need food and drink, for body and soul; there are plenty who need to be welcomed, to be clothed, to be visited. Why do we hesitate? Could it be that I didn't recognize the King that evening in Paris? It's not by chance that this is the gospel passage that we read for the feast of Christ the King, as this is how the King chooses to be fed, clothed etc. – "you did it to Me".

I don't know who the young ladies were – I don't know if they have ever been inside church, temple or synagogue. But if that's their habitual outlook on life, they need have no worries. Such were my thoughts as I later tucked into a nice hot meal, in warm comfortable surroundings! Safe from anyone asking me to share?

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November – Holy Souls:
November Dead Lists are still 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 mass will also be said monthly throughout the year. Please return completed lists to reception, to our sacristan or to one of the priests.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat:
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, from 11th-13th December 2026. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, **all are welcome**. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Young Adult Ministry 2027:
Registration is now open for the next intake of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry. Running over 10 Saturdays, the aim of this course is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership in the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course. Registration is open and can be accessed here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/dyH3SLLVnZ

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. A Eucharistic Healing Service will be led by Fr. John Keane. More information available on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

THEWAY.IE :
TheWay.ie is a digital platform set up by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to share the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover, live and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit www.theway.ie.

Bethany Bereavement Support:
Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit https://bethany.ie/.

Advent & New Year Retreats at Manresa:
Make time for prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal - Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (D03 FP52) this Advent and New Year.

- Advent Weekend: 4-6 Dec 2026 €270
- Advent Triduum: 14-18 Dec 2026 €480
- New Year Retreat: 29 Dec - 1 Jan €390

For details and bookings, visit manresa.ie, email reception@manresa.ie, or 01 5529 448.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish; we remember those who have **died recently:** Fr. Aidan O'Kane C.P., Mary McBride, Cecil Lowry, John Owens, (funeral Monday, 11.30), **…** and those whose **anniversaries occur at this time:** Maura Harris-McPhee, Josephine McGreevey, Brian Murphy, Patrick Doyle, Tommy & Ita Gill, Br. Malachy Daly C.P., Peggy Keogh, Colette McParland, and in November we remember **all our faithful departed**.

Financial Update

Last week's Collection	€3,220.00
Standing Orders (average)	€250.00
Donations via website	€160.25
Card Machines	€1,050.00