



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

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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: 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)

Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

10.30 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.00 noon,
and 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30 am to 6.00 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 on Saturday at 11.00 am

Healing Mass on last Saturday of the month at 11.00 am

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called "Gaudete Sunday", from the Latin word for "Rejoice". This theme of rejoicing is found in the opening prayer of today's Mass which looks forward with joy to the coming of Christ: *Grant, almighty God, that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord's birth, we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings and celebrate his coming with unflinching joy.*

Bambinelli Sunday: Today is known in Italy as "Bambinelli Sunday" when the little figures of the baby Jesus which people will place in their Christmas Crib are brought to the church to be blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the 11.00 Family Mass today, when there will be a special blessing for the figures of the Christ-child (the "Bambinelli").

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Family Mass during Advent: There is Children's Liturgy of the Word today (Sunday) at the 11.00 Mass. Our next special Family Mass with the children taking part in the readings and prayers will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22 December at 11.00 am.

Christmas Play: The children of Mount Argus Parish dramatise the Christmas Story each year at the 11.00 Mass on Christmas Day. Rehearsals are on Sundays after the 11.00 am Mass. All children are welcome.

Mount Argus Carol Service: Our Carol Service takes place in the Church today (Sunday) at 7.30 pm. Please join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our preparation for Christmas. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre.

MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be a living parish where all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts and people and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.

The Week at Mount Argus

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11.00 am Mass Christmas Nativity Rehearsal after 11.00 Mass Carol Service in the Church at 7.30 pm</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Legion of Mary Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Monastery</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Lectio Divina in the Monastery at 10.30 am Men's Spirituality Group in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Prayer Group meets in the Monastery at 7.30 pm "Welcome the Word" – Mount Argus Young Adult Group in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross after 10.00 am Mass</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Parish Choir Christmas rehearsal in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm</i>

Welcome the Word in Advent: Mount Argus Young Adult Group (18-35) are offering their third evening of prayer and restful reflection for Advent from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Thursday, 19 December in the Meeting Rooms beside Mount Argus Church.

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas: Parish Choir Rehearsals for Advent and Christmas continue every Saturday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm in the Upper Room.

Passionist Ordination: Please remember in your prayers Father Antony Connelly C.P. who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 21 December at St Mungo's Church, Glasgow. Father Antony, who spent some time at Mount Argus as a student, is a classmate of our own Deacon, Father Aidan O'Kane C.P.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: A big "Thank You" to all who contributed to last week's annual Christmas Appeal on behalf of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference. The total collected was €14,295. This will enable the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas.

Office Hours: Please check the notice on the monastery door for office opening hours over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Christmas Confessions: Confessions this week will be at the usual times. On Monday, 23 December, confessions will be from 10.30 to 11.30 am and from 4.00 to 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve (Tuesday, 24 December), confessions will be from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm. After that, there will be no confessions in the church until Saturday, 4 January when normal confession times resume.

Times of Christmas Masses: On Christmas Eve, 24 December, there will be the usual morning Mass at 10.00. On Christmas Eve, there will also be the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.15 pm, and the Mass of the Nativity at 9.00 pm, with Carols from 8.30 pm and the Blessing of the Crib before the Mass. On Christmas Day, the Dawn Mass will be at 8.00 am and the Day Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am. (This is the Family Mass with the Children's Nativity Play.) Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Eucharistic Adoration: Our usual Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday and Friday of this week, from 10.30 am until 6.00 pm. Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the church during the Christmas and New Year period. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Friday, 3 January.

Mount Argus Calendars: Copies of our 2020 Mount Argus Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one.

Christmas Carols: The children of Scoil Mológa will sing a selection of Christmas Carols in Mount Argus Church on Thursday, 19 December at 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to what is always a beautiful celebration of Christmas.

Advent and Christmas: Leaflets with the times of services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the church.

Remembering our Departed Brothers and Sisters: We pray for all those who have died recently; we remember especially Norah Broe and Carmel Kavanagh whose funerals were celebrated at Mount Argus. May they rest in peace.

1st Collection €1,891 Parish Envelopes €288 Standing Orders (approx.) €250

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 posters on 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 085 1325389.