



# *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

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#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30 am to 6.00 pm

**St Charles Novena Mass** on Saturday at 11.00 am

**Healing Mass** on last Saturday of the month at 11.00 am

#### **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

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## **Today is the Second Sunday of Advent**

**The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal takes place today**

### **The Christmas Crib**

Last Sunday Pope Francis published a letter to the whole Church on what he called “the enchanting image of the Christmas Crib”. He writes: *With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition.... It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.*

**Bambinelli Sunday:** Next Sunday is what in Italy is known as “Bambinelli Sunday” when the little figures of the baby Jesus which people will place in their Christmas Cribs are blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the 11.00 Family Mass next Sunday, 15 December, 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:** During Advent, there is Children's Liturgy of the Word each 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 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</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 St Charles Shrine Committee meets in the Monastery at 7.00 pm Men's Confraternity meeting in the Monastery at 8.00 pm 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>Advent Reconciliation Service at the 11.00 am Mass Parish Choir Christmas rehearsal in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm</i>

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** At Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak on the annual Christmas Appeal which will be taken up after Mass.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party:** The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 8 December in the Community Centre at 2.00 pm. Admission is by ticket only.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** This year we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, 9 December, as the Eighth of December is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because the feast is transferred to 9 December, **it is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.**

**Men's Confraternity:** The men's branch of the Confraternity of the Passion will meet in the Monastery on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. New members are welcome.

**Welcome the Word in Advent:** Mount Argus Young Adult Group (18-35) are offering evenings of prayer and restful reflection for Advent from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Thursdays 12 and 19 December in the Meeting Rooms beside Mount Argus Church.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Mass on Saturday, 14 December.

**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.

**Mount Argus Carol Service:** Our Carol Service takes place in the Church on Sunday, 15 December, 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council Report:** The Council reflected on the importance of our being a parish community where "all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts" (Parish Mission Statement). The Council will hold a New Volunteers Event early in 2020 where the different ministry groups in the parish can let people know about what they do and encourage greater participation. The Council is also working on improving communications and providing more faith support for families and young people.

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

**Mount Argus Community Centre Lotto Results:** The Jackpot was not won this month. The winners of the three €50 prizes are: No. 03254; No. 03059; No. 03321. Next month's Jackpot is €600. The next draw will be on 15 January 2020. Lotto tickets can be purchased in the Mount Argus Community Centre or at the monastery reception desk.

**Why was Jesus born?** The Legion of Mary invite you to a talk /discussion on "Why was Jesus born?" on Tuesday, 10 December at 7.00 pm in the Legion house at 60 Sundrive Road, Kimmage. Refreshments will be served. No charge – all are welcome to attend.

**Remembering our Departed Brothers and Sisters:** We pray for all those who have died recently; we remember especially James Ward whose funeral was celebrated at Mount Argus. May he rest in peace.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection €1,745    Parish Envelopes €163    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](http://www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection)  
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 1325389.