



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

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

Today is the First Sunday of Lent

Message of Pope Francis for Lent

Here is an extract from Pope Francis's message for Lent 2020. The theme of the message is "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20):

'In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). The Passover of Jesus is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.'

Pope Francis

Trocaire Lenten Boxes: Lenten Boxes for Trocaire are available on the tables at the back of the Church.

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

- Sunday:** *Lent Special Family Mass at 11.00 am*
- Monday:** *Legion of Mary Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Monastery*
Community Centre Committee Meeting in the Centre at 8.00 pm
- Tuesday:** *Lectio Divina in the Monastery at 10.30 am*
Liturgy Group Meeting in the Monastery at 7.30 pm
Men's Spirituality Group in the Monastery at 8.00 pm
- Wednesday:** *Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Monastery at 8.00 pm*
- Thursday** *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
- Friday** *Stations of the Cross after 10.00 am Mass*
"Finding God in a Leaf" Book Club in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm

Family Mass: Our special Family Mass for Lent with the children taking part in the readings, the prayer of the faithful and the offertory procession takes place today (Sunday) at 11.00 am. During Lent, there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at the 11.00 am Family Mass. The next special Family Mass will be on Palm Sunday, 5 April, at 11.00 am.

Passion Play: The children of Mount Argus Parish dramatise the story of the Passion of Christ each year at the 11.00 Mass on Palm Sunday. After Mass today, at the back of the church, we are taking names of any children who would like to take part. There will be short rehearsals at the altar after the 11.00 am Mass on Sundays 8, 15, 22 and 29 March. Palm Sunday this year is Sunday, 5 April. All children are welcome to take part. Please consider joining us. It is a good way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Volunteer Recruitment Event: After Mass today we have an information desk at the back of the church for anyone interested in volunteering for various ministries in the church, including readers, musicians, children's liturgy leaders and altar servers.

Altar Servers: Children who would like to be Altar Servers at Mount Argus should ask their parents to give their names and contact details to Father Paul Francis or to the receptionist at the Monastery. To be an Altar Server, you should have made your First Holy Communion and be able to be at Sunday Mass regularly.

'Finding God in a Leaf': The Mount Argus Activ8 Team invite you to join them in a 'Book Club for Lent'. They will be reflecting on the book 'Finding God in a Leaf – The Mysticism of Laudato Sí' by Fr Brian Grogan SJ. This will take place in the Upper Room from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on the Fridays of Lent, beginning on Friday, 6 March. Copies of the book can be purchased on the night for €4. Tea and apple pie are free!

Welcome the Word in Lent: Mount Argus Young Adult Group (18-35) are offering a series of evenings of prayer and restful reflection on the Thursdays of Lent from 7.30 to 8.30 pm, beginning on Thursday, 5 March in the Meeting Rooms beside Mount Argus Church.

Novena of Grace: The annual Novena of Grace and Parish Retreat for Lent in St Agnes Parish, Crumlin will be conducted this year by Fr John Harris OP from 4 to 12 March. This year's theme is "Springtime - a time of Grace, new life and new hope". The Novena will be at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm daily except Sunday, 8 March when it will be at 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 12.30 pm. There will be a Penitential Service on Tuesday, 10 March after the 7.00 pm session. All are most welcome.

Knock Pilgrimage: The 2020 Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 25 April. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is *New Decade, New Beginnings, New Challenges*. You are invited to join in this pilgrimage of Hope, Healing and Reflection and experience the peaceful silence of Knock Shrine. There will be a full programme of workshops for all ages and a special welcome for sick and elderly pilgrims. For more information please email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Vocation Retreat: A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 13 March and concluding with lunch on Sunday, 15 March. Anyone interested should email passionistvocations@gmail.com or speak to Father Paul Francis

Collection €1,683 Parish Envelopes €201 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.