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# *Mount Argus Bulletin*

## *The Parish of St Paul of the Cross*

### *and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus*

-- *Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin 6W (Eircode: D6W XR66) --*

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**The Church is closed until further notice**

**Masses at Mount Argus – All Masses on Webcam only**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15 pm

Sunday: 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Saturdays: 11.00 am,

**Blessing with the Relic of St Charles**

Daily on the Webcam after the morning Mass

Sunday on Webcam at 11.00 and 4.00 Mass

**St Charles Novena Mass is available on the Webcam on Saturday at 11.00 am**

**Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

**A Reflection on Divine Mercy Sunday from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

“During the Jubilee of the Year 2000 the beloved Servant of God John Paul II established that throughout the Church the Sunday after Easter should be called Divine Mercy Sunday. This occurred contemporaneously with the canonization of Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish Sister who was born in 1905 and died in 1938, a zealous messenger of the Merciful Jesus. Indeed, mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for humanity, and therefore for us. From divine mercy, which brings peace to hearts, genuine peace flows into the world, peace between different peoples, cultures and religions.”

*(Pope Emeritus Benedict XXVI, Regina Caeli Address, 30 March 2008)*

**First Communion and Confirmation:** Archbishop Martin sent an update to parish priests during the week in which he referred to the children who have been preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. He wrote: “I am being asked about First Communions and Confirmations. We can only begin to speak of timetables for these Sacraments when it will be possible once again to hold large gatherings of people, especially children and this is unlikely for some months.” In the meantime, here at Mount Argus we will continue posting the children’s newsletter on our Facebook page each weekend and we will celebrate our monthly Special Family Mass which is especially for those who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. The next Special Family Mass will be next Sunday, 26 April at 11.00 am.

**Thank You:** We thank those who have sent in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days when there are no Sunday church collections. Donations received this week amounted to €1,300.

#### **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.

**Office Hours:** To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000. The office at the monastery is closed but the phone is attended from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Monday to Saturday (except on Easter Monday). Outside of those hours you can leave a message and we will call you back. If you are looking to have a Mass offered or for Mass Cards, please call the office (01-499-2000); cards can be posted out to you.

**Times of Masses:** Mount Argus Church remains closed for the time being. This is for the safety of our parishioners and friends, following the instructions from the Government. All Masses are being live streamed and recorded on the parish website ([www.mountargusparish.ie](http://www.mountargusparish.ie)). Here are the Mass times at Mount Argus:

Sundays: Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm; Sunday Masses at 11.00 am and 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: Masses at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm

Saturdays: St Charles Novena Mass at 11.00 am; Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm

The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles of Mount Argus is given after the morning Masses on weekdays and after both Masses on Sundays.

The Rosary is prayed on the webcam after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass.

**Mount Argus on Facebook:** To help keep everyone in touch with what is happening at Mount Argus and to provide supports for faith and prayer at this time, we have set up a Mount Argus Facebook page which you can find by searching on Facebook for **Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles**. Please connect with the page and encourage others to do so as a way of strengthening our links with each other during these days when we are not able to gather as a community for the Eucharist.

**Harold's Cross Community Response:** Harold's Cross Community Council are in the early stages of setting up a volunteer group to help those in need in the Harold's Cross area of Dublin at this challenging time. We are mobilising a group to help our neighbours and one another out over the next weeks/months as required during the Covid-19 outbreak. We are following a Community Response Plan that has emerged from Dublin 8. If you are interested in getting involved in some way, please fill out your details on the form which you will find by following the link at [www.haroldscross.org](http://www.haroldscross.org) and we will be in touch with you.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE, the organisation which helps older people, has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Volunteer Help in the Community:** Templeogue Synge Street GAA Club has set up a COVID19 Community Response Group. Do you need help to get your shopping? We have a network of Volunteer members in our GAA club who are ready and willing to help anyone needing assistance as a result of the COVID19 virus. Our Contact number is 089 9826794. Simply call or text our Community Response Group number above, and we will arrange for one of our Volunteers to get in touch with you directly. We are here to assist those in the community who are need to self-isolate, to get their essential messages: grocery shopping, prescription collections etc. Our members will not enter your home and will practice social distancing as advised by the HSE. Your engagement will be kept confidential; we will not retain any personal information.

**A Prayer to St Charles of Mount Argus**

O dear Saint Charles, Friend of the Sick,

during your life on earth, you were always ready to help those who were ill.

Many times you have gone to the bedside of the sick and prayed for them with faith.

We ask you now to be close to those who are in need of God's healing.

May Our Lady, Health of the Sick, join you in interceding with the Father on their behalf. Amen.

**(Last Sunday's Collection did not take place    Standing Orders were 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.