



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

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Website (including Bulletin online): www.mountargusparish.ie

Facebook Page: Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles

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 Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Special Family Mass

Our Special Family Mass takes place today (Sunday) at 11.00 am. This Mass, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, was scheduled to be the Mass of Thanksgiving for those who made their First Communion and Confirmation, but these children are still waiting to receive the Sacraments. Let's continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We will have Eucharistic Adoration with Prayers and Benediction on the webcam on Friday at 7.30 pm.

Times of Masses: All Masses are being live streamed and recorded on the parish website (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).

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 €3,216.

Donations: We now have a Donation button on the homepage of our website where you can contribute to the Collection at Mass, make a donation for the Easter Dues or Light a Candle. If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to "Passionist Congregation".

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.

Preparing to re-open Mount Argus Church

Last weekend I wrote about some of the preparations we need to make for reopening our church, initially for personal prayer and later for public Mass, and I invited anyone between the ages of 18 and 70, with no underlying health concerns, to contact the office to volunteer to help with cleaning and stewarding at Mount Argus. Fourteen people volunteered, and twelve of those were able to come along on Saturday afternoon to do an initial cleaning of the church. They have done a magnificent job and I thank them sincerely for that. On Tuesday, the Irish Bishops issued their “Framework Document for a return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments”. We also received some guidance from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin with the promise of more to follow. This means we now have a clearer idea of what is required to reopen the church and later begin public Masses.

The first thing that is clear is that we need more volunteers for cleaning and stewarding. When the church is open, even for personal prayer, benches and other surfaces will need to be disinfected on a daily basis, and stewards will be needed. The safeguarding office has now said (during the week) that stewards and cleaners do not need to be vetted, but we will keep a register of names and contact details for those who are volunteering; this is important in case tracing and testing needs to be done if one of the volunteers discovers they have the virus.

The more stewards and cleaners we have, the less burden there will be on each one and the more service we will be able to provide. If you would like to help with cleaning the Church and/or with stewarding, please contact us either by email (office@mountargusparish.ie) or by phoning the office (01 499200). The office phone is attended from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. Outside of those times, you can leave a message and we will call you back.

For the time being, Mount Argus Church remains closed, but when we are able to open, we will let you know through the website, the Mount Argus Facebook page and by announcements on the livestream.

Meanwhile, we will continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening. Initially we will reopen our Church for a few hours each day for private prayer; later we will begin having Mass for small groups of people and over time we will extend that. When, in the future, we do begin having the church open for Mass (which may be on 29 June but more probably will be later than that), the numbers attending will be very severely restricted. If we are going to practise social distancing in the church and not have people passing close by others to get in and out of benches, then that severely restricts the number of people who can be present at a Mass. In the next few weeks, we are going to have to look at how we make Mass available to as many people as possible either at weekends or on weekdays, but not just having the same people getting to Mass every day with others unable to be admitted to the church. We need a system by which everyone can have their turn at being present in the church for Mass, whether at the weekend or during the week. At the moment we are working on how that can be organised.

With the age profile of our congregation and of our priests and brothers, we have to continue to be cautious and to care for one another. Once more I am asking you to be patient in this difficult situation and to realise that it is important that people’s lives are not put at risk and that we move forward as and when we feel safe and ready to do so.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

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. 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.

(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
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 1325389.