



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

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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 Trinity Sunday

Special Family Mass

The next Special Family Mass will be at 11.00 am on Sunday, 14 June which is the Feast of Corpus Christi. This Mass is for everyone, but especially those who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation.

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.

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 €3,498.

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.

Re-opening Mount Argus Church

You are probably aware that on Friday, the Government announced that they would allow churches to open for public worship on 29 June, provided that social distancing is observed. The previous day, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin had written to tell us that the Irish Bishops will meet on Monday (tomorrow) and will issue clear guidelines for all dioceses. The Archbishop emphasised the importance of keeping to these guidelines; he wrote: "The advice that is given in other countries is: be ready by the date; if you are not fully ready, wait until you are ready; if it is not possible to apply the guidelines, remain closed. It may not be possible for all Churches to open and provide the supervision needed."

At this stage we do not know what the guidelines of the Irish Bishops are to be, but looking at what some dioceses in Ireland have already published and at what has been done in other countries such as Scotland where the Bishops published guidelines on Friday, we have an idea of the kind of preparations we need to make.

In order to open our Church, even for personal prayer, there are certain things we need to do. First, the Church needs to be cleaned as it has not been open to the public for three months. From other dioceses we see that good practice recommends the presence of volunteer stewards when the Church is open for personal prayer, at least in the initial weeks. We also will need volunteers to disinfect benches and other surfaces in the Church; this will have to be done on a daily basis. Volunteers will have to be at least eighteen years old and less than seventy years old with no underlying health issues; those volunteering as stewards will probably have to have been police vetted for the Archdiocese of Dublin during the last three years.

At this stage we need help to prepare for re-opening our Church for personal prayer. If you would like to help with the initial cleaning of the Church and/or with stewarding or cleaning when the Church is opened for personal prayer, 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 and we continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening. Initially we will reopen our Church for a few hours each day for private prayer (which will NOT happen this week); later we will begin having Mass for small groups of people and over time we will extend that. You might think that we are being more cautious than necessary, but the Coronavirus is still out there and, as yet, we have neither a vaccine nor a cure for it. With the age profile of our congregation and of our priests and brothers, caution is a good thing. Additionally, Mount Argus is a place of pilgrimage with people coming to us from many places; that also needs to be taken into account.

We are asking you to have patience in this difficult situation. What is important is that people's lives are not put at risk and that we go forward together as one family.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

Trocaire: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

(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.