

# **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) --Phone: 01 4992000 Email: office@mountargusparish.ie Website (including Bulletin online): www.mountargusparish.ie Facebook Page: Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles

Masses at Mount Argus – All Masses on Webcam only Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm Saturdays: 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass) Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm **The Church is open for personal prayer** Sunday: 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday: 11.00 am to 5.00 pm Saturday: 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm

Blessing with the Relic of St Charles on Webcam Monday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass Saturday after 11.00 am Mass Sunday after 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Mass

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation There are no Confessions in the church until further notice

**Eucharistic Adoration** Is suspended while we are at Level 5

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## Today is the Second Sunday of Lent

#### Venerable Ignatius Spencer C.P.

On Saturday, 20 February, Pope Francis approved the decree recognising the heroic virtues of Father Ignatius Spencer, a Passionist priest who ministered at Mount Argus and died in Scotland in 1864. Father Ignatius was the first Passionist to give a retreat in Ireland; this was a retreat to the students of Carlow College in 1848. He also preached the first Passionist Mission in Ireland with Blessed Dominic Barberi at St Audeon's Church in High Street, Dublin in 1849. He was a son of the second Earl Spencer and was a convert to the Catholic faith, having been ordained in the Church of England before becoming a Catholic priest and then a Passionist. He gave more than 150 little missions in Ireland, asking prayers everywhere he went for "the conversion of England, the sanctification of Ireland and the unity of all in the faith". He was one of the first people to propose praying for Christian Unity.

Father Ignatius's being made "Venerable" by the Church is a significant step on the way to becoming a saint. To mark this event, we will have an online prayer service of thanksgiving at Mount Argus on Wednesday evening of this week at 7.30. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time of prayer.

**Passion Prayer for Lent:** On Wednesday, 10 March we will resume our Lenten evenings of Prayer and Meditation on the Passion. This will be available online at 7.30 pm.

#### 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.

**Parish Collection Envelopes** for 2021 can be collected from the monastery during office hours. **Passionist Jubilee Indulgence:** In celebration of the Passionist Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Indulgence to those who visit the Church of St Paul of the Cross at Mount Argus (or any Passionist Church). This Jubilee Indulgence can be received every day in all Passionist churches during the Jubilee Year, which lasts until 1st January 2022. The conditions for the Jubilee Indulgence are: (1) Spiritual participation in the Jubilee celebrations of the Third Centenary of the Foundation of the Passionist Congregation; (2) A serious commitment to conversion confirmed by sacramental confession and participation in the Eucharist; (3) Prayer for the Pope's intentions. The elderly, the infirm and those who cannot leave the house, due to a serious impediment, can gain the Jubilee Indulgence by joining spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations, committing themselves to fulfilling the three conditions (Confession, Holy Communion, Prayer for the Pope's Intentions) as soon as possible.

**<u>Pilgrim Visit Leaflet:</u>** A leaflet for making a Pilgrim Visit to Mount Argus during the Passionist Jubilee Year is available at the back of the church. The leaflet can be used for private visits to the church by those who wish to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

**Times of Prayer on the Webcam:** The Rosary is prayed after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross. The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles is given after morning Mass on weekdays and after the 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Masses on Sundays. **Thank You:** We thank those who continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days. Donations received this week amounted to  $\notin$ 1,550.

**Donations:** With the "Donate" button on our website you can contribute to the Collection at Mass or Light a Candle. If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to "Passionist Congregation".

<u>Office Hours</u>: To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000. The office at the monastery is not open to the public but the phone is attended and the receptionist is there from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm on 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.

#### <u>Mount Argus Church Update – 28 February 2021</u>

At present we are at Level 5 of the Government's Plan for Living with COVID-19. This means that Masses at Mount Argus are available online only, and the Church is open only for personal prayer. All the Masses will be available on our webcam page at www.churchservices.tv/mountargus Here are the times of Masses at Mount Argus:

Saturday Vigil at 6.15 pm

Sunday at 8.00 am,  $11.00 \mbox{ am}$  and 4.00 pm.

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm;

Saturday morning at 11.00 (with St Charles Novena Prayers).

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

The Church will be open for personal prayer at these hours:

Saturday- 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm Sunday – 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday – 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

There will be no Confessions and no Eucharistic Adoration at Mount Argus until further notice. Meanwhile, let's continue to pray for one another and to remember especially those who are sick and those who are caring for the sick.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

#### (Last Sunday's Church 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 0851876203.