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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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There are no Confessions in the church
until further notice

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Is suspended while we are at Level 5

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

A Reflection on Divine Mercy Sunday from Pope Francis

“Dear brothers and sisters, in the time of trial that we are presently undergoing, we too, like Thomas, with our fears and our doubts, have experienced our frailty. We need the Lord, who sees beyond that frailty an irrepressible beauty. With him we rediscover how precious we are even in our vulnerability. We discover that we are like beautiful crystals, fragile and at the same time precious. And if, like crystal, we are transparent before him, his light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and through us in the world. As the Letter of Peter said, this is a reason for being “filled with joy, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials” (1 Pt 1:6). On this feast of Divine Mercy, the most beautiful message comes from Thomas, the disciple who arrived late; he was the only one missing. But the Lord waited for Thomas. Mercy does not abandon those who stay behind. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference.... Saint Faustina, after meeting Jesus, wrote: “In a soul that is suffering we should see Jesus on the cross, not a parasite and a burden... [Lord] you give us the chance to practise deeds of mercy, and we practise making judgements” (Diary, 6 September, 1937). Yet she herself complained one day to Jesus that, in being merciful, one is thought to be naive. She said, “Lord, they often abuse my goodness”. And Jesus replied: “Never mind, don’t let it bother you, just be merciful to everyone always” (24 December, 1937).” *(Pope Francis, Homily for Divine Mercy Sunday 2020)*

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.

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.

Pilgrim Visit Leaflet: 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 €1,200.

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".

Office Hours: 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.

Online Pilgrimage to Knock: The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday, 24 April with a programme of online workshops from Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road commencing at 12.00 noon. More details to follow soon. From 2.30 pm, the pilgrimage switches to Knock Shrine webcam for the rosary, the Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00 pm and an opportunity for quiet time in the Apparition Chapel.

Mount Argus Church Update – 11 April 2021

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 are available on our webcam page at www.churchservices.tv/mountargus

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 is open for personal prayer at these hours:

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

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.