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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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Masses at Mount Argus

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

Church Opening Hours

Sunday: 7.30 to 8.45 am; 10.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 pm

Blessing with the Relic of St Charles

Monday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 4.00 pm 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 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family

Christmas Masses

"If we had to express the entire mystery of Christmas in a word, I believe that humility is the one most helpful. The Gospels portray a scene of poverty and austerity, unsuited to sheltering a woman about to give birth. Yet the King of kings enters the world not by attracting attention, but by causing a mysterious pull in the hearts of those who feel the thrilling presence of something completely new, something on the verge of changing history."

(Pope Francis, 23 December 2021).

Mass Times after Christmas:Here are the times of Masses for the week following Christmas Day:26 December (Sunday) 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm.27 December (Monday) 11.00 am.28-31 December (Tuesday - Friday) 10.00 am.1 January (New Year's Day) – 11.00 am, 6.15 pm.From Monday to Friday this week, there will be no evening Mass. The church will remain open until 5.00 pmEucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation:There will be no Eucharistic Adoration orConfessions in the church this week. Confessions and Adoration will resume on Wednesday, 5 January.Office Hours for Christmas Week:On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the office will be open from 9.30 am to 1.00 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.

Our Synodal Journey: In the coming weeks and months, together with the whole Church, we will be entering into a time of reflection and sharing on the mission of the Church today as we take part in the journey "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". This Synodal Journey invites the whole Church to walk together and listen to one another but above all to listen to the Holy Spirit. Explaining the Synod's three key words - communion, participation, and mission – Pope Francis has said that communion and mission describe for us the mystery of the Church. Here is a prayer for our Journey:

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path Nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity So that we may journey together to eternal life And not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You who are at work in every place and time In the communion of the Father and Son, forever and ever.

Saint Charles Jubilee Year: To mark the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Saint Charles of Mount Argus, Pope Francis has granted a Jubilee Year to the birthplace of Saint Charles in the Netherlands and to our church at Mount Argus. During the Jubilee Year, which lasts from 11 December 2021 to 5 January 2023, a Plenary Indulgence can be gained by those who visit Mount Argus Church. The Jubilee Indulgence for the St Charles Jubilee Year can be received every day at Mount Argus during the Jubilee Year by fulfilling these two conditions: (1) making a Pilgrim Visit to Mount Argus Church to take part in a Jubilee celebration or to pray at the tomb of St Charles, saying there the Our Father, the Creed and a prayer to Our Blessed Lady and to St Charles; (2) Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope's intentions. The elderly, the sick and all those who, for grave reason, cannot leave their homes, will be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by repenting of all sins, and by intending to fulfil the conditions of confession, communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions as soon as possible, if in the presence of an image of Saint Charles, they have spiritually participated in the Jubilee, offering to the merciful Lord their prayers and sufferings and the hardships of their lives.

Mount Argus Calendars 2022 are available at the back of the church, Please take one.

Parish Collection Envelopes: Parish Envelopes for 2022 are now available for collection from the office in the monastery.

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 1,387.

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

<u>Collection Basket:</u> For those at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

Mount Argus Church Update – 26 December 2021

When coming to Mass at Mount Argus, we ask you to wear a face mask, to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to practise social distancing. We continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening as usual. The Bishops have said that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended.

Last week's Church Collection amounted to €1,907 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.