



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: 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)

Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

10.30 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.00 noon,

and 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30 am to 6.00 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 on Saturday at 11.00 am

Healing Mass on last Saturday of the month at 11.00 am

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent

The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal takes place today

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called "Gaudete Sunday", from the Latin word for "Rejoice". This theme of rejoicing is found in the opening prayer of today's Mass which looks forward with joy to the coming of Christ: *Grant, almighty God, that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord's birth, we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings and celebrate his coming with unfailing joy.*

Bambinelli Sunday: Today is known in Italy as "Bambinelli Sunday" when the little figures of the baby Jesus which people will place in their Christmas Cribs are brought to the church to be blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the 11.00 Family Mass today, when there will be a special blessing for the figures of the Christ-child (the "Bambinelli").

Family Mass and Coffee Morning: Today at 11.00 am we have our special Family Mass with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful. There will be a Coffee Morning in the Upper Room after the 11.00 am Mass today.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: At Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak on the annual Christmas Appeal which will be taken up after Mass.

Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are available from the monastery office.

Advent Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Mass on Saturday, 17 December.

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.

Birthday of Saint Charles – Final Phase of the Jubilee Year: On this day last year, 11 December 2021, Archbishop Farrell celebrated the Mass for the opening of the Saint Charles Jubilee Year marking the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Saint Charles. Today, on Saint Charles's 201st birthday, we begin the final phase of the Jubilee Year which will conclude on the Feast of Saint Charles, 5 January 2023. For many it has been a year of special graces and blessings through the intercession of Saint Charles; for others it has been a year marked by suffering and loss in which they were supported by the presence of Saint Charles. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11: 28). The Jubilee Year is an invitation from the Lord to let ourselves be touched by his mercy and to experience the loving presence of Jesus Christ who came to heal the broken-hearted. It is a time of grace and forgiveness, a time of renewal in our Christian life. During the St Charles Jubilee Year it is possible to receive the grace of the plenary indulgence every day (see below for more information on this).

Masses for Christmas On Christmas Eve (Saturday, 24 December) there will be a Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm, and the Mass of the Nativity at 9.00 pm, with Carols from 8.30 pm and the Blessing of the Crib before the Mass. On Christmas Day, the Dawn Mass will be at 8.00 am and the Day Mass will be at 11.00 am.

Please note that there will be no 4.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 25 December.

Building Hope in Parish Partnership: As part of the *Building Hope* process, Archbishop Dermot Farrell recently announced the new parish partnerships. Mount Argus Parish has been partnered with Harold's Cross, Rathmines, Rathgar and Beechwood Avenue parishes. We will be looking together at future ways of cooperating with these parishes.

World Youth Day: The 2023 World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon, Portugal from 31 July to 8 August 2023. The theme of the World Youth Day is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39). Cost for WYD pilgrims is €725, which includes return flights with 10 kg bag, accommodation, food, insurance, transport tickets in Lisbon, pilgrim pack, tickets to events and catechesis, group t-shirt, monthly programme of preparation – before and after Lisbon. For more information, see the posters on the notice board.

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 €235.

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". For those at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

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, can 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 Church Update – 11 December 2022

When coming to Mass at Mount Argus, we encourage you to wear a face mask, to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to respect people's space. We continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening.

Church Collection €1,685 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.