



# *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

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### **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

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**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 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **A Thought for Today from Pope Francis**

How does Joseph respond to his calling to be the protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church? By being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God's presence and receptive to God's plans, and not simply to his own. Joseph is a "protector" because he is able to hear God's voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God's call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!

**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.**

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** Envelopes for the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal are available on the tables at the back of the church. These can be left in the basket after Mass or handed in at the monastery reception desk.

**Confession Times before Christmas:** Confessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be from 11.00 to 11.30 and from 4.00 to 4.30. Confessions on Saturday will be from 4.00 to 5.30.

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

### **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.

**Garda Notice:** As the current weather is very dark, cold and at times with poor visibility, it is a gentle reminder to everyone to be cognizant of burglars, thieves and anti-social issues that may lead to a negative experience over the coming festive period. An Garda Siochana would recommend that people adhere to our safety message of recent years: ‘If you love it, lock up and light up’, referring to property, homes, apartments and residences. Unfortunately this time of year sees an increase in burglaries and thefts from property, bogus callers, thefts of bicycles, and vehicles being damaged. To avoid any negative experience over the coming weeks, we in An Garda Siochana ask everyone to be alert and aware of their surroundings and to contact us at any time if they feel the need.

**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 €265.

**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 – 18 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 €895    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](http://www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection)  
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 0851876203.