



# *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 am to 5.00 pm  
Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm  
Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 pm

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### **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

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm  
Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

**St Charles Novena Mass:** Saturday, 11.00 am

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

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## **Today is the Second Sunday of Advent**

### **Advent – Preparing for Christmas**

The Season of Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. You will see that the building of our Christmas crib has already started, preparing the place where the image of the child Jesus will be found on Christmas Day. Perhaps you are already thinking of the Christmas Crib you will place in your home at Christmas. In a letter he wrote in 2019, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of what he called “the enchanting image of the Christmas Crib”. He wrote: *I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition.... It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.*

**Bambinelli Sunday:** The third Sunday of Advent is what in Italy is known as “Bambinelli Sunday” when the little figures of the baby Jesus which people will place in their Christmas Cribs are blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the 11.00 Family Mass on Sunday, 11 December, when there will be a blessing for the figures of the Christ-child (the “Bambinelli”).

### **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.

**Feast Day:** Thursday, 8 December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6.15 pm. Masses on Thursday will be at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm.

**SVP Christmas Appeal:** The St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Collection will be taken up after Masses next weekend.

**Family Mass:** Our next special Family Mass with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful will take place on the Third Sunday of Advent, 11 December at 11.00 am. There will be a Coffee Morning in the Upper Room after this Mass.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Afternoon Tea:** The Mount Argus Community Centre is holding a Christmas Afternoon Tea for our Senior Citizens on Saturday, 10 December in the Community Centre at 2.00 pm. Admission is by ticket only.

**Christ at Christmas:** You are invited to a short talk and discussion on "Christ – the Forgotten King" on Tuesday, 6 December at 7.00 pm in the Legion of Mary house at 60 Sundrive Road. Tea and biscuits will be served. Bring a friend.

**Christmas Cards:** Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are now available from the office at the monastery during office hours.

**Masses for Christmas** This year, we celebrate Christmas Day on a Sunday. On Christmas Eve, 24 December, there will be 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 celebrated at 11.00 am. **Please note that there will be no 4.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 25 December.**

**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 €205.

**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".

**Collection Basket:** 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. 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 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 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 – 4 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 €1,790    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.