



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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Baptism for Mission

“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”. If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: “We have found the Messiah!” (John 1:41).... So what are we waiting for?”

Pope Francis, “The Joy of the Gospel”

Mass of Thanksgiving for the St Charles Jubilee Year: At the 4.00 pm Mass today (Sunday) we will offer prayers in thanksgiving for the grace of the St Charles Jubilee Year. To mark the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of St Charles, Pope Francis granted to Mount Argus and to the birthplace of St Charles at the Netherlands a special Holy Year which concluded last Thursday on the Feast of St Charles. This Mass is an opportunity to thank God for the Jubilee and to pray for healing through the intercession of St Charles.

Family Mass: Our next special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will be on Sunday, 29 January at 11.00 am.

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.

Mass for Pope Benedict XVI: On Saturday, 14 January at the 11.00 am Novena Mass, we will celebrate a Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Benedict XVI and in thanksgiving for his vocation as successor of St Peter. It was Pope Benedict who canonised St Charles of Mount Argus in 2007. Here is an extract from the homily Pope Benedict preached on that occasion:

"The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us" (Romans 5:5). Truly, in the case of the Passionist priest, Charles of Saint Andrew Houben, we see how that love overflowed in a life totally dedicated to the care of souls. During his many years of priestly ministry in England and Ireland, the people flocked to him to seek out his wise counsel, his compassionate care and his healing touch. In the sick and the suffering he recognized the face of the Crucified Christ, to whom he had a lifelong devotion. He drank deeply from the rivers of living water that poured forth from the side of the Pierced One, and in the power of the Spirit he bore witness before the world to the Father's love. At the funeral of this much-loved priest, affectionately known as Fr Charles of Mount Argus, his superior was moved to observe: "The people have already declared him a saint".

Pilgrims' Prayer: Here is a prayer written by Pope Benedict which reminds us that our life is a pilgrimage.

Lord Jesus Christ, pilgrim of Emmaus, you make yourself close to us for love, even if, at times, discouragement and sadness prevent us from discovering your presence. You are the flame that revives our faith. You are the light that purifies our hope. You are the force that stirs our charity. Teach us to recognize you in the Word, in the house and on the Table where the Bread of Life is shared, in generous service to our suffering neighbour. And when evening falls, Lord, help us to say: "Stay with us". Amen.

Building Hope through 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. In a recent interview with 'The Tablet', Archbishop Farrell said that the partnerships are about creating 'a framework in which we can share an exciting vision of how priests and people together in the archdiocese can respond to and draw strength for the call we each received in Baptism'.

What do we believe about death? You are invited to a short talk and discussion on 'Is Death a New Beginning?' on Tuesday, 10 January at 7.00 pm in the Legion of Mary house at 60 Sundrive Road. Tea and biscuits will be served. Bring a friend!

Responding to the Experience of the Mystery: Marino Institute of Education (Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9) will offer a series of lectures on *Responding to the Experience of the Mystery*, starting on 24 January 2023. This lecture series, which is open to the public, aims to help people to grow in their relationship with God. For more information, see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church.

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 €158.

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.

Mount Argus Church Update – 8 January 2023

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.

Christmas Day Collection €5,296

Last Sunday's Church Collection €1,720 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.