



# *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

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

**Healing Mass** on last Saturday of the month at 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

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

### **Message of Pope Francis for Lent - "Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey" (2)**

‘The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord’s response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the Passion and the Cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!” (Mt 16:23). Following this, “six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain” (Mt 17:1)... In his “retreat” on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is “synodal”, since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour..’

*Pope Francis*

#### **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.

**Earthquake Relief Collection:** We thank you for your very generous response to last week's special collection in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes. The total contributed was €5,340. This money will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area and who will ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be used to meet the needs of those most badly affected.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council met last Wednesday. As well as looking forward to Holy Week and Easter, the Council set 10 May as a provisional date for our Parish Assembly. The Assembly will be an opportunity for us all to look at the new Parish Partnership with Harold's Cross, Rathmines, Rathgar and Beechwood Avenue parishes and discuss what the implications will be. The Council also recalled the three pastoral priorities which had been set by our last (pre-Covid) Assembly in 2019; these were (a) Family and Young People; (b) Communications, Outreach and Welcome; (c) Faith and Spiritual Life. Not a lot of progress has been made in these areas in the past three years as, for a lot of the time, we have been surviving rather than pushing forward but our Parish Assembly will help us all to begin again the work of renewing the life of our parish community through living as a family, welcoming new members and growing in our relationship with God.

**Trocaire Lenten Boxes:** Lenten Boxes for Trocaire are available on the tables at the back of the Church.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Would you like to volunteer with the Society of St Vincent de Paul? This weekend we welcome a speaker from the Society to explain their work in supporting those in need.

**Weekly Coffee Morning:** The Mount Argus Parish Community Centre holds a weekly Coffee Morning every Friday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. All are welcome. The Centre is at 179 Lower Kimmage Road.

**Legion of Mary:** The Mount Argus Legion of Mary group meets every Monday at 7.15 pm in the Legion of Mary centre at 60 Sundrive Road, Kimmage. New members are welcome.

**Novena of Grace:** This year's Novena of Grace in St Agnes Church, Crumlin will be conducted by Fr Bryan Shortall OFMCap from 4 to 12 March. The Novena will be twice daily at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm on weekdays, on Saturdays 4 and 11 March at 10.00 am and 5.30 pm, and on Sundays 5 and 12 March at 11.00 am only. This year's theme is "Tired of all the bad news – Rediscovering God's Healing Love".

**Alfie Lambe Mass:** Mass for the Beatification of Alfie Lambe, one of Ireland's candidates for sainthood will be offered in St Agnes Church, Crumlin, on Sunday, 5 March at 12.30 pm. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy. Alfie, a native of Tullamore, Co. Offaly, and a Legion of Mary Envoy to South America was named as "Servant of God" in recognition of the holiness and dedication of his short life.

**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 €228.

**Donations:** With the "Donate" button on our website you can contribute to 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 – 5 March 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.

**Church Collection €1,635    Standing Orders were approx. €250  
Earthquake Relief Collection €5,340**

**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.