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# *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 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Archbishop's Letter for Safeguarding Sunday**

Sunday, September 24, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year we mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service. The service was set up by Cardinal Connell, initially as the Child Protection Service, on the advice of the Diocesan Panel on Child Protection. An anniversary such as this provides an opportunity not only to look back and consider what has been done but also to look forward at what remains to be done and the challenges of the future.

It is possible to divide the history of the Service into two distinct ten-year periods. For the first ten years the emphasis was very much on support for victim/survivors and ensuring that allegations of abuse against clerics were dealt with in accordance with both national child protection guidelines, Children First, and with the Church's own guidelines. This work, dealing with the consequences of the past, was accompanied by measures to improve the safety of children involved in church activities. However, it was only with the establishment of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee in 2013 that the work of safeguarding, the proactive work of creating and maintaining safe environments, initially for children and then also for vulnerable adults, came to have the same prominence as dealing with cases and supporting those who were harmed.

We have learned, then, that dealing with the consequences of the past, vital though it remains, has to be

### **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.

accompanied by steps to ensure that what happened then is not happening now and will not happen in the future. That is part of the debt we owe to victims and survivors. Many of those who have disclosed abuse have given as their primary reason for doing so that they want to ensure that no child will ever again suffer as they did.

We have learned too that the lay faithful have taken this matter to heart and are determined to rid the Church of the scourge of clerical child abuse. A recent article in the Irish Times by columnist Breda O'Brien noted that there has been real progress in the Church, mostly due to an army of faithful lay volunteers and dogged persistence by campaigners. We owe a great debt to the campaigners, even if they sometimes tell us things we would rather not hear. I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the campaigners. Also, I want to thank all of you who have attended training, implemented safeguarding practices in our parishes, served as parish safeguarding representatives and sat on our various committees at both parish and diocesan level.

We must look to the future with hope, including the hope that children can be brought back to the Church. We are more likely to succeed in doing so if we can convince their parents that the safety of their loved ones is our utmost concern. We need also a realistic understanding that threats to the safety of children can come from the most unexpected sources and that we can only protect them if we remain alert and vigilant.

Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

+Dermot Farrell  
Archbishop of Dublin

**Passionist Family Groups – 25 Years:** This year the Passionist Family Groups are celebrating twenty-five in Mount Argus parish. We will mark the occasion at the 11.00 Mass on Sunday, 24 September. The Mass will be followed by coffee and cake in the Upper Room. Everyone is welcome, especially all past and present members of the Passionist Family Groups.

**The Family Mass at Mount Argus:** Our first monthly 11.00 am Special Family Mass of this school year will be on Sunday, 15 October. At this Mass we welcome the participation of the children and families of our parish community, especially those who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation during this school year. If your child is preparing for First Communion or Confirmation and would like to read at one of these special Family Masses, please let us know.

**Volunteers Weekend:** On Saturday, 30 September and Sunday, 1 October we will have a special Volunteers event after the Vigil and Sunday Masses. We are inviting new volunteers to help the community by assisting at Mass as musicians, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, stewards and welcomers, and car park support. Please consider if you might be able to put your gifts and talents at the service of our Mount Argus parish and community by signing up for one of these ministries. There will be members of these ministry groups available after Mass at the Volunteers Weekend to answer your questions and help you to volunteer.

**St Vincent de Paul Collection:** The monthly collection to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place after Mass this weekend.

**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 €190.

**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”.

**Collection Basket:** For those at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

### **Mount Argus Church Update – 24 September 2023**

When coming to Mass at Mount Argus, we encourage you to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to respect other people's space, showing care and concern for one another.

**Church Collection €1,446    Crosscare €2,070    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.