



# *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 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Share Your Crib On Social Media**

During their Winter General Meeting in Maynooth last week, the Bishops of Ireland offered prayers of thanksgiving as 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crib in a cave in Greccio, Italy. To mark this special anniversary in our faith history, the bishops invite everyone to share a picture, or video, of their crib whether it is at home or in the workplace, along with a message. As every crib has its own story, sharing Christmas memories of the crib will provide inspiration to many people during this season of goodwill and celebration for Christian families. To help spread the spirit of Christmas, why don't you tag the bishops in your crib post on Facebook at Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference; Instagram at @catholicbishops; and X/Twitter at @CatholicNewsIRL.

The bishops want to remind us of Pope Francis's words that a key message of the Nativity scene is that the mystery of Christmas 'loves to hide within what is infinitely small ... [the Nativity] is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture'.

**Mount Argus Calendars:** Copies of our 2024 Mount Argus Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one

### **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.

**Masses for Christmas:** Today (Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve), there will be the usual Sunday Masses: The Masses for Christmas will be as follows: on Christmas Eve, there will be the Vigil Mass of Christmas 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 (Family Mass) will be celebrated at 11.00 am. **Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

**Mass Times after Christmas:**

26 December (St Stephen's Day): 11.00 am  
27-29 December: 10.00 am  
30 December (Saturday): 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)  
31 December (Sunday): 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm  
1 January (New Year's Day): 11.00 am  
Normal Mass times will resume on 2 January.

**Monastery Office Hours:** These are our office hours for Christmas and the New Year:

Christmas Day: Closed  
St Stephen's Day: Closed  
27- 29 December: 9.30-1.15  
30 December: 9.30-1.00  
31 December: Closed  
1 January: Closed  
Normal office hours resume on 2 January 2024.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the church during the Christmas period. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Wednesday, 3 January.

**Confession Times:** There will be no confessions in the church on Sunday, 24 December. After that, there will be no confessions in the church until Wednesday, 3 January when normal confession times will resume.

**Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus:** We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Charles on Friday, 5 January with Mass at 10.00 am. In preparation for the Feast, there will be a "Transitus" Vigil of Prayer at the Tomb of Saint Charles on Thursday evening, 4 January, at 7.30. The Vigil will include Readings about the life and death of Saint Charles, a candle-lighting ceremony at the Tomb, Hymns and Prayers for Healing. We are very blessed at Mount Argus to have our own saint, Saint Charles, who celebrated Mass, heard confessions and blessed the sick in this church, and who intercedes for those who need healing and hope today.

**Thank You:** We thank those who continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community through the "Donate" button on the website or in other ways. Donations received this week amounted to €503.

**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.

**Mount Argus Church Update – 24 December 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 €2,145      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.