



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

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

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, 17 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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: At Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak on the annual Christmas Appeal which will be taken up after Mass.

Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party: Our Carol Service will take place in the Church today (Sunday) at 6.00 pm. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of the Capuchin Day Centre. Please do try to join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our preparation for Christmas. After the Carol Service we will have a festive gathering for mince pies and Christmas cake in the new Saint Charles Pilgrim Centre.

Advent Reconciliation: Our annual St Charles Reconciliation Mass will be held at 11.00 am on Saturday, 16 December. Our Partnership's Advent Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in Our Lady of the Rosary, Harold's Cross on Monday, 18 December at 7.30 pm.

Family Mass for Advent: 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, 17 December at 11.00 am. There will be a Coffee Morning in the Upper Room after this Mass.

Church Cleaning for Christmas: Next Sunday, 17 December, from 5.00 to 6.30 pm, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas, We are looking for volunteers to help with this; any help you can give would be very much appreciated. All cleaning material and equipment will be provided.

Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are available from the monastery office.

Masses for Christmas: This year, we celebrate Christmas Day on a Monday. For Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve, there will be the usual Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.15 pm; Sunday Masses at 8.00 am, 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, there will also 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.

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Pastoral Council met last Wednesday. The main topic for discussion was the Golden Jubilee of Mount Argus Parish which we will launch on Sunday, 7 January 2024. More exciting details to follow!

Our Lady of Guadalupe: You are invited to a talk and discussion on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The talk will be given by Jose Maria Perdomo from Mexico. Venue: 'Immaculata House,' 60 Sundrive Road, Kimmage from 7.00 to 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 12 December, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Break for tea and biscuits. Bring a friend!

Crosscare: Leaflets with information about the Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal are available at the back of the church. Donations can be made online at www.crosscare.ie or by calling 01 8360011 or by cheque or postal order to Crosscare, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768.

Catholic Young Adults Group – Rathmines: Navigate your way as a young Catholic in the modern world with likeminded people, regular prayer and faith formation meetings. Every Second Thursday, 7.00 – 9.00 pm in Rathmines Parish Centre. Contact eoin@rathminesparish.com

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 €280.

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 – 10 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 €2,035 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.