



# *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 First Sunday of Advent**

### **Entering the Season of Advent**

The word “advent” means “coming” or “presence”. In the ancient world it meant the visit of the king or emperor to a province; in the Christian language it refers to the Coming of God, to his presence in the world; a mystery that embraces the entire cosmos and history, but that has two culminating events: the First and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The first is, precisely, the Incarnation. The second is his glorious return at the end of time. These two events that are chronologically distant — and we are not given to know by how long — are deeply connected, because with his death and Resurrection Jesus fulfilled that transformation of humanity and of the cosmos which is the final goal of Creation. However, before the end, the Gospel must be proclaimed to all the nations, as Jesus says in the Gospel according to St Mark (see Mk 13:10). The Lord’s Coming continues, the world must be penetrated by his presence and this ongoing Coming of the Lord in the proclamation of the Gospel requires our continuous collaboration. Moreover the Church, who is, as it were, the Betrothed, the promised Bride of the Lamb, of the Crucified and Risen God (Rev 21:9), in communion with her Lord, collaborates in this Coming of the Lord, in which his glorious return has already begun.

*(From a reflection by Pope Benedict XVI on the First Sunday of Advent 2012)*

### **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.

**Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party:** Our Carol Service will take place in the Church on Sunday, 10 December 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.

**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 will meet on Wednesday of this week at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Feast Day:** Friday, 8 December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There is Vigil Mass on Thursday at 6.15 pm. Masses on Friday are at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm.

**SVP Christmas Appeal:** The St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Collection will be taken up after Masses next weekend.

**Christmas Cards:** Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are now available from the office at the monastery during office hours.

**Community Centre Senior Christmas Party:** The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 10 December from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the centre at 179 Lower Kimmage Road. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Mary Kennedy and Derbhil Johnson or at the Centre on Friday mornings (10.30 am – 12.00 noon) or please call the centre 01 492 1225

**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](http://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.

**Advent at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght:** 'Tear Open the Heavens' – An Advent Retreat with Sean Goan. Thursday, 7 December to Sunday, 10 December. The focus will be on the scriptures of Advent with a special focus on Isaiah, whose writing continues to inspire us to yearn for the coming of the Chosen One who brings light and hope into the darkness of winter. Cost: €300 residential, full board Thursday to Sunday. €180 non-residential, supper Thursday, lunch Friday, lunch Saturday & Sunday. Limited places are still available. To book please contact 01 4048123 or 4048189 (10.30 am – 2.30 pm Monday to Friday), [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/DominicanRetreatCentre/](http://www.facebook.com/DominicanRetreatCentre/). The centre is also running a Mindfulness for Christmas event on 2 December.

**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 €180.

**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 – 3 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 €1,730      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.