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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 Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Message of Pope Francis for Lent - "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" (continued)**

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Good Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind. The Church's synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a time of communitarian decisions, of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. *(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.

**Family Mass and Coffee Morning:** Our special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will take place today (Sunday) at 11.00 am. The monthly Coffee Morning will be held in the Upper Room after the 11.00 am Mass today.

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

**St Vincent de Paul Collection:** The monthly collection to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul takes place after Mass this weekend. This collection will be taken up outside the church.

**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.

**Passionist Vocation Retreat:** A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 8 March and ending with lunch on Sunday, 10 March. If you are interested, please contact Fr Paul Francis at [passionistvocations@gmail.com](mailto:passionistvocations@gmail.com)

**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, 3 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.

**Novena of Grace:** The annual Novena of Grace in St Agnes's Church, Crumlin will take place from 4 to 12 March 2024. This year's Novena will be given by Fr Eunan McDonnell, Provincial of the Salesians. This year Fr. Eunan has chosen "ENCOUNTERING JESUS" as the theme for the Novena. The times for the Novena from 4 to 12 MARCH will be 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

**Evangelium – Catholic Apologetics Conference for Young Adults:** You are warmly invited to Evangelium 2024 - a Catholic Apologetics Conference for young adults taking place on Saturday, 16 March from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Main speakers include Fr Vincent Twomey, Fr Bill O'Shaughnessy and Sr Kathryn Press. There will also be an opportunity for Mass, workshops and socialising with other young Catholics from around the country. Price is €38 including dinner, refreshments and social event. To book, please search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite, and for more information, please email [evangeliumireland@gmail.com](mailto:evangeliumireland@gmail.com)

**Just Lent 2024:** This year the Office of Mission & Ministry is inviting you to use the Just Lent Resource with a strong focus on social justice. This initiative is in conjunction with the emphasis at the moment, in parishes and partnerships of parishes, on the Social Justice quadrant of the Building Hope Framework for Renewal. The Just Lent Resource can be used for individual reflection, as a parish leaflet and for small group reflection. Each week there is the same prayer and a connection with the Sunday scriptures, with a short reflection. There is also a key quote connecting to the theme. This is followed by questions for reflection following the method of see, discern and act. The resource also includes a guide page on how to use it. This can be found on the Mission & Ministry website [www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent](http://www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent)

**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 €146.

**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 – 25 February 2024**

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 €1,872     Standing Orders were approx. €250**  
**ACCORD Collection €1,180**

**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.