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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

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 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.

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 Second Sunday of Advent, 8 December at 11.00 am. There will be a Coffee Morning in the St Charles Centre after this Mass. This Mass and Coffee Morning will be our opportunity to offer our prayers and good wishes for Father Paul Francis who has been parish priest of Mount Argus since 2016 and who is now moving to Rome. We hope as many as possible will join us for the Mass and the Coffee afterwards.

Masses for Christmas: On Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December, 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. There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday of this week at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

SVP Christmas Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will be taken up 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.

Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party: Our Carol Service will take place in the Church on Sunday, 15 December at 6.00 pm. It will be followed by Advent/Christmas treats and sweets. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of the Capuchin Day Centre. Come along – bring the family - and sing your way towards Christmas.

Community Centre Senior Christmas Party: The Mount Argus Parish Community Centre Senior Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 7 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.

Art Exhibition: The Art Group are holding an Art Exhibition on Sunday, 8 December from 12.30 to 3.30 pm in the Mount Argus Parish Community Centre, 179 Lower Kimmage Road. All are welcome.

Scripture Talk: Father Kieran O'Mahony OSA will discuss "St Paul – Evangelist and Feminist?" on Monday, 2 December from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in Harold's Cross Parish Pastoral Centre. This event is open to our partnership of parishes (Harold's Cross, Rathmines, Rathgar, Beechwood Avenue and Mount Argus).

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 2024: This year's Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat will take place on 6 to 8 December 2024 at Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare. As always, the Christmas retreat promises to be a great weekend and a wonderful way to come together in Advent to help us prepare for Christmas. There will be lots of great activities each day as well as excellent speakers, inspiring talks and fantastic workshops. There will be lots of time for prayer and time to chill out, meet new people and experience the best of what it means to be young and Catholic today! Stay and eat on site as part of the retreat, just bring a sleeping bag and some warm clothes as well as the usual necessities for an overnight, and everything else will be provided. Please register in advance to help us prepare for your arrival – it only takes a few minutes and even less if you have been with us before. An original photo ID will be required to check-in. To register, go to www.youth2000.ie

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 €285.

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 – 1 December 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 €2,220 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 poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection. To contact a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call the parish office on 01 4992000. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Dublin: Statement, Reporting Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines 2018" is available at the reception desk in the monastery.