



Mount Argus Bulletin

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UNTO YOU A SAVIOUR IS BORN



We wish you a very Holy and Happy Christmas.

May Christ bless your home and family with an abundance of His Love.

Our Bulletin is looking a little different this week. I'll be honest, a couple of weeks before Christmas hasn't been exactly the ideal time for taking over responsibility for seeing that we provide the best service possible to all who worship at Mount Argus. So simplifying the Bulletin for a special Christmas/New Year edition has meant having more time for other responsibilities. Involvement in liturgical services should be well within my scope – I've been doing it for long enough - but there have been so many technicalities in all the 'stuff' that goes on in the background – eg. see an instance a little further down the page – that sometimes I don't know whether I'm coming or going. I ask your patience for the present – at least until we get through Christmas and New Year – and then hopefully I can consult more generally on how I can best be of service to you during my short tenure as 'administrator'. I really do appreciate all the assurances of support that I have already received from so many of you, but an even greater support that I genuinely need especially at this time is that of your prayers.

Church Cleaning for Christmas: This Sunday, 22 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.

Advent and Christmas: Leaflets with the times of Masses and Confessions for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the church.

Masses for Christmas: On Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December, 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.

Contactless Donations: You may have noticed that there are new machines at the various doors in the church – two at the back, and one by the side door. I can't take any 'credit' for these (every pun intended!). You would have to regard me as a miracle-worker if you think I could possibly get them ordered and installed in a couple of weeks! Let me stress that they are not intended as being a way to extract more money from you – honestly, you are very generous already in supporting us. Rather, they are intended to facilitate the many people who no longer carry cash nowadays, and who would rather contribute by credit card. So they aren't intended to replace normal cash payments, but are offered as an alternative for those who don't carry cash. Simply follow the instructions on the screens – select the amount, or enter your own preferred amount, on the screen and tap the card on the top.

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

Crosscare Appeal: Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, is asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.

Young Adult Ministry Training: A new and exciting opportunity is beginning with the establishment of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences & key resources, while also being grounded in key church documents such as *Christus Vivit*. Email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie for more information. Registration is open and can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/WXSxEzXUQ7>. Closing date for applications is Monday, 6 January at 5.00 pm.

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage: The Mission and Ministry team at Dublin Diocese are delighted to announce their plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer. If you can't make it, there's also an option for a 'Rome @ Home'! Fill in your details to express interest in being part of the group or mark your option for 'Rome @ Home'. Email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie or you can register interest at <https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqiL7t>

Thank You: We thank those who send in donations to support the Church and Community here through the "Donate" button on the website or in other ways. Donations received this week amounted to €102.

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".

Church Collection 22/12/24 - €1,847

Standing Orders were approx. €250