



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

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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
St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm
Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent (year A)

I have quite a number of cousins with the same surname who are called John. To distinguish them, each has a label or a nickname: John of Ballyvaddy (the townland where he lives), Teresa's John (son of Teresa), "the Joiner" (he is a carpenter) and "Plucky" (noted for his speed and skill in plucking turkeys).

My twin brother is also another 'John', but his name is Sean. He does not get mixed up with our cousin Sean, because my twin is known by his second name, Mark. Our mother called us by our second names, and while clearly identifying us from our cousins, it can cause other confusion, especially when it comes to officialdom.

In Scripture, names are more than labels or means of identification. A biblical name is generally descriptive, its signifying something specific about a person: Adam (man or human), Joseph (righteous), Mary (beloved or wished-for-child), Martha (lady mistress/servant), Peter (rock), and John (God is gracious).

In our first reading we have the prophecy of Isaiah. Weary of the kings of Israel, Isaiah foretells the child who is to be born of a virgin and to be named Emmanuel: 'God with us'.

In the Gospel, we hear Isaiah's prophecy again. It is through Joseph's trust in God, and his obedience, that God's plan is fulfilled with the birth of Mary's Son, who is to be named Jesus, "*because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.*"

As pilgrims of Hope, we rejoice in this season of hope and in the birth of our Baby Saviour, the Advent of the Light of the World. As the Jubilee year draws to a close, we might consider how we can more place our trust in Emmanuel, (God with us), Jesus (the Lord who saves), Christ (the Anointed One) – God's love and mercy manifest in a vulnerable baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger.

***The Parish Pastoral Council and the Passionist Community wish you
a blessed and holy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.***

May the Christ-child bless your home and family with an abundance of His Love

☆☆☆ Diamond Jubilee ☆☆☆

Fr Eugene CP would like to thank everyone who shared in the celebration of his diamond jubilee (60 years' anniversary) of his ordination, especially for the warmth, kindness and the generosity extended to him.

Car Parking

Car park controls begin this week. The monitoring of the car park has been introduced so that Church users and visitors to the Monastery can easily find a parking space. Cars of persons visiting the Church and the Monastery or attending parish activities will **NOT** be clamped.

Church Cleaning for Christmas

This **Sunday, 21st December**, from **5:00pm** to **7pm**, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas. We welcome volunteers to help - even for just part of this time; every little help will be very much appreciated. All cleaning materials and equipment will be provided.

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Parish Choir rehearsals for Advent and Christmas will take place **Saturday 20th December** from **7.30** to **9.30 pm** in the Upper Room. Interested new adult members are welcome.

Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

Confessions will take place **Mon 22nd Dec – Wed 24th Dec: 11:00 – 11:30am** and **4:00 – 4:30pm**. Confession and Eucharistic Adoration times will be suspended from Christmas day till **Saturday, 3rd January 2026**, when the normal Church timetable will resume.

Christmas and New Year Schedule

Wed 24th Dec. Christmas Eve (**Office closes at 4:00pm**)

6:15pm the Vigil Mass of Christmas

8:30pm Carols and the Blessing of the Crib

9:00pm Mass of the Nativity

Thurs 25th Dec. Christmas Day (**Office closed**)

8:00am the Dawn Mass

11:00am the Day Mass (Family Mass).

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas day



Mass Times

Fri	26th Dec.*	11:00am
Sat	27th Dec.	11:00am and 6:15pm (vigil)
Sun	28th Dec.	8:00am, 11:00am + 4:00pm
Mon	29th Dec. *	10:00am
Tues	30th Dec. *	10:00am
Wed	31st Dec. *	10:00am
Thurs	1st Jan. *	11:00am
Fri	2nd Jan. *	10:00am

** the church will close at 5pm*

Monastery/Office Hours

Closed
9:30am – 1:00pm
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Mount Argus Calendars

Copies of our 2026 Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church; please take one.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died recently: Dr Brendan Clune; **and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Sheila O'Brien (MM), Maureen Balian, Gerry Dunne, Ann Hogan, Richard Kinsella, Terry Walsh, Jane and Jack Ross, Brendan O'Neill, Rita Murphy (MM), Phylis McElligott, Maura McPhee (MM), Bernadette McGann, Katie and James McNerney and Conor Fox.

Financial Update

Last week's collection**

€1,706.00

Standing orders, approx.

€250.00

** includes 8th December

Donations via website

€259.00

Payments via credit card machines

€913.00

Carol Service

€610.00