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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: 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)
Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
10.30 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.00 noon,
and 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30 am to 6.00 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 on Saturday at 11.00 am

Healing Mass on last Saturday of the month at 11.00 am

Today is the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Sorrows

The Mass we offer today is the Sunday Mass, but 15 September is also the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Here is a reflection on Our Lady of Sorrows given at Lourdes in 2008 by Pope Emeritus Benedict:

The Cross is truly the place where God's compassion for our world is perfectly manifested. When we think of Our Lady of Sorrows, we contemplate Mary sharing her Son's compassion for sinners. As Saint Bernard declares, the Mother of Christ entered into the Passion of her Son through her compassion. At the foot of the Cross, the prophecy of Simeon is fulfilled: her mother's heart is pierced through by the torment inflicted on the Innocent One born of her flesh. Mary certainly cried over the tortured body of her Son. Her self-restraint, however, prevents us from plumbing the depths of her grief; the full extent of her suffering is suggested by the traditional symbol of the seven swords. In that hour, through the figure of the beloved disciple, Jesus presents each of his disciples to his Mother when he says to her: Behold your Son.

Today Mary dwells in the joy and the glory of the Resurrection. The tears shed at the foot of the Cross have been transformed into a smile which nothing can wipe away, even as her maternal compassion towards us remains unchanged. The intervention of the Virgin Mary in offering help throughout history testifies to this, and does not cease to call forth, in the people of God, an unshakable confidence in her: the Memorare prayer expresses this sentiment very well. Mary loves each of her children, giving particular attention to those who, like her Son at the hour of his Passion, are prey to suffering; she loves them quite simply because they are her children, according to the will of Christ on the Cross.

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.

The Week at Mount Argus

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>St Vincent de Paul monthly collection</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Legion of Mary Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Monastery</i> <i>Parish Safeguarding Committee meets in the Monastery at 7.00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Lectio Divina in the Monastery at 10.30 am</i> <i>Meeting of the Parish Website Team in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i> <i>Men's Spirituality Group in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy Leaders meet in the Monastery</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>Prayer Group in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross after 10.00 am Mass</i>

Mount Argus Community Centre: The Centre will hold a Coffee Morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice on Friday, 20 September from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. The Mount Argus Community Centre is owned and managed by Mount Argus Parish; it is located at 179, Lower Kimmage Road, Dublin 6W. All the centre's regular activities have now restarted after the summer break. These are listed on the Parish Website.

Safeguarding Training: There will be a Safeguarding Information Evening for those who volunteer at Mount Argus on Tuesday, 24 September at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. This session is for those who were not able to attend the volunteer evenings in March and May.

Church Cleaning: A faithful but ever diminishing band of volunteers cleans the church every Thursday morning, beginning at 7.30 am. New help is always welcome. If you would like to get involved, just turn up on Thursday morning at 7.30. Bring your own brush if possible.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The Children's Liturgy team needs new members. Please consider volunteering to ensure we can continue to offer a special celebration of the Liturgy of the Word to the children who attend Mount Argus. Training and support will be provided. To find out how you can help, please contact Fr Paul Francis at the Parish Office or speak to Katie after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass.

Knock Pilgrimage: Join the Legion of Mary on their annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo on Sunday, 29 September. The coach departs from 60 Sundrive Road at 7.30 am and from The Halfway House, Walkinstown at 7.45 am. Booking is essential. The cost is €40 which includes bus fare, morning snack and evening dinner. To book, contact Mary (Sundrive Road) on 087 941 3395 or Mary (Halfway House) on 085 722 1008.

Irish Catholic Doctors' Conference: The annual conference of the Irish Catholic Doctors' Learning Network will be held at the Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin on Saturday, 5 October. The theme of the Conference is "Power & Powerlessness - responding to the challenges of modern healthcare." Speakers include Cardinal Willem Eijk (Medical Doctor, Clinical Ethicist and Archbishop of Utrecht), Professor Patricia Casey, John Waters and Dr Chris Garrett (Medical Oncologist). Bookings can be made through the website - www.icdln.ie. For more information, see the poster at the back of the church.

The Encounter on Culture Night: *The Encounter* is a monthly event for young adults at St Paul's, Arran Quay. You can join other young adults (20s & 30s only) for a very special *Encounter for Culture Night* on Friday, 20 September at 8.00 pm in St Paul's, Arran Quay. Musician for the evening is Hannah Best and guest speakers are Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Lisa McKenna and Codie Preston. Tickets are now available for the *Encounter* from Eventbrite.ie - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-encounter-culture-night>.

Passionist Vocations: If you are interested in discerning the call to be a Passionist priest or brother, please contact our Vocations Director, Fr Paul Francis, at Mount Argus or email passionistvocations@gmail.com. Weekend retreats for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community are held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down. If you would like to take part in a Vocation Retreat, please speak to Father Paul Francis.

Remembering our Departed Brothers and Sisters: We pray for all those who have died recently; we remember especially those whose funerals were celebrated at Mount Argus: Barbara Love and Frank Brady. May they rest in peace.

1st Collection €1,916 Parish Envelopes €178 Standing Orders (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. To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 132 5389.