



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 First Sunday of Advent

Entering the Advent Season

“With this celebration the Lord gives us the grace and joy of opening the new Liturgical Year, starting with its first season: Advent, the period that commemorates the coming of God among us. Every beginning brings a special grace, because it is blessed by the Lord. In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world, who guides history and who cared for us to the point of deigning to become a man. This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas. During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and, in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles.”

(Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the First Sunday of Advent, 2010)

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Family Mass during Advent: During Advent, beginning today (Sunday), there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday at the 11.00 Mass. Our next special Family Mass with the children taking part in the readings, the prayer of the faithful and the offertory procession will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22 December at 11.00 am.

Christmas Play: The children of Mount Argus Parish dramatise the Christmas Story each year at the 11.00 Mass on Christmas Day. Rehearsals begin today, but it is not too late to join the group. There will be four short rehearsals on the sanctuary after the 11.00 am Mass on Sundays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December. All children are welcome. Please consider joining us. It is a lovely way to prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11.00 am Mass Christmas Nativity Rehearsal after 11.00 Mass</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Legion of Mary Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Monastery Community Centre Committee Meeting in the Centre at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Lectio Divina in the Monastery at 10.30 am Liturgy Group Meeting in the Monastery at 7.30 pm Men's Spirituality Group in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Monastery at 8.00 pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Prayer Group meets in the Monastery at 7.30 pm "Welcome the Word" – Mount Argus Young Adult Group in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross after 10.00 am Mass First Friday Communion visits to the sick and housebound</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Passionist Companions Meeting at 9.30 am in the Monastery Parish Choir Christmas rehearsal in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm</i>

Children's Party: The Parish Children's Christmas Party will be held in Mount Argus Community Centre, 179 Lower Kimmage Road today (Sunday, 1 December) from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

Trócaire Christmas Gala Concert: There are now no tickets left for the annual Trócaire Christmas Gala Concert which takes place in Mount Argus this evening (Sunday, 1 December).

Parish Council: The Mount Argus Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Monastery on Wednesday of this week at 8.00 pm.

Welcome the Word in Advent: Mount Argus Young Adult Group (18-35) are offering three evenings of prayer and restful reflection for Advent from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 December in the Meeting Rooms beside Mount Argus Church.

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas: Parish Choir Rehearsals for Advent and Christmas continue every Saturday from 7.30 to 9.30 pm in the Upper Room. Interested new members are welcome and can contact the Music Director, Dani, via email at dani.fox.1@gmail.com

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party: The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 15 December in the Community Centre at 2.00 pm. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Catherine Healy, Derbhil Johnson or at Community Centre (Monday to Friday) between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place after Mass next Sunday.

Reconciliation Service: Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Novena Mass on Saturday, 14 December.

Mount Argus Carol Service: Our Carol Service takes place in the Church on Sunday, 15 December, at 7.30 pm. Please join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our preparation for Christmas. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre.

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

"Light up a Life": Remember your loved ones this Christmas at the annual remembrance ceremony "Light up a Life", taking place at Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services today (Sunday) at 3.45pm. This year's Special Guest is Andrea Corr. Sponsor a light at www.lightupalife.ie or by calling 01-4911072.

No Crosscare Food Collection this year: Crosscare have asked us to announce that there will be no food collection this year at Christmas, but this collection will take place at a later date.

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: Sister Teresa McHugh LSA, Darren Kelly, Josephine McGreevey, Mary Casey and Mary Ellen Scott. May they rest in peace.

1st Collection €1,905 Parish Envelopes €201 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 1325389.