



# *Mount Argus Bulletin*

## *The Parish of St Paul of the Cross*

### *and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus*

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**The Church is closed until further notice**

**Masses at Mount Argus – All Masses on Webcam only**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15 pm

Sunday: 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Saturdays: 9.00 am,

**Blessing with the Relic of St Charles**

Daily on the Webcam after the morning Mass

Sunday on Webcam at 11.00 and 4.00 Mass

**St Charles Novena Mass is available on the  
Webcam on Saturday at 9.00 am**

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## **Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### **Church Services**

It is with great sadness that we announce that from Saturday, 28 March 2020, Mount Argus Church will be closed for two weeks. This is being done for the safety of our parishioners and friends, following the recent instructions from the Government. At the end of the two weeks, the situation will be reviewed in the light of guidance from the Health Authorities.

All Masses will be live streamed and recorded, but celebrated behind closed doors. You can find the Live Web Stream on the parish website ([www.mountargusparish.ie](http://www.mountargusparish.ie)).

The times of Masses on our webcam are:

Saturday Vigil at 6.15 pm, Sunday at 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm;

Saturday morning at 9.00 (with St Charles Novena Prayers).

All prayer groups and other parish meetings at Mount Argus are suspended until further notice.

The reception office at the monastery is also closed. To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000.

The Government has asked everyone to stay at home for the next two weeks, so we will stay at home and pray at home, and we encourage you to do the same, remembering especially those who are sick and those who are caring for them and commending to God's love those who have died.

Be assured of our daily prayers for you and a remembrance in our daily Masses at Mount Argus.

**Thank You:** We thank those who have sent in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days when there are no Sunday church collections. Donations received this week amounted to €1,250.

### **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.

### **From Pope Francis's Meditation at the Urbi et Orbi Blessing:**

*Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time, abandoning for a moment our eagerness for power and possessions in order to make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring. It means finding the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity. By his cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope and let it strengthen and sustain all measures and all possible avenues for helping us protect ourselves and others. Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope."*

*Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter's rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pet 5:7).*

**Mount Argus on Facebook:** To help keep everyone in touch with what is happening at Mount Argus and to provide supports for faith and prayer at this time, we have set up a Mount Argus Facebook page which you can find by searching on Facebook for **Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles**. As the page develops, we hope to include prayer resources, scripture reflections and recorded messages for our parishioners and friends. Please connect with the page and encourage others to do so as a way of strengthening our links with each other during these days when we are not able to gather as a community for the Eucharist.

**Harold's Cross Community Response:** Harold's Cross Community Council are in the early stages of setting up a volunteer group to help those in need in the Harold's Cross area of Dublin at this challenging time. We are mobilising a group to help our neighbours and one another out over the next weeks/months as required during the Covid-19 outbreak. We are following a Community Response Plan that has emerged from Dublin 8. If you are interested in getting involved in some way, please fill out your details on the form which you will find by following the link at [www.haroldscross.org](http://www.haroldscross.org) and we will be in touch with you.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE, the organisation which helps older people, has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Volunteer Help in the Community:** Templeogue Synge Street GAA Club has set up a COVID19 Community Response Group. Do you need help to get your shopping? We have a network of Volunteer members in our GAA club who are ready and willing to help anyone needing assistance as a result of the COVID19 virus. Our Contact number is 089 9826794. Simply call or text our Community Response Group number above, and we will arrange for one of our Volunteers to get in touch with you directly. We are here to assist those in the community who are need to self-isolate, to get their essential messages: grocery shopping, prescription collections etc. Our members will not enter your home and will practice social distancing as advised by the HSE. Your engagement will be kept confidential; we will not retain any personal information.

### **Prayer to Saint Charles of Mount Argus for those who are Sick:**

Saint Charles, you knew what it is like to live with sickness and pain.

We ask you to intercede for those who are sick.

May they know that, in their sickness,  
the loving hand of God reaches out to them  
with healing and hope for body and spirit.

May they learn to trust God  
and place their lives in his hands. Amen.

**(Last Sunday's Collection did not take place    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 posters on our Church notice boards or go to [www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection](http://www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection)  
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 1325389.