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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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Website (including Bulletin online): www.mountargusparish.ie

Facebook Page: Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles

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: 11.00 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 11.00 am

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. Our deacon, Father Aidan, will speak at all the Masses this weekend. Father Aidan was due to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 16 May, but his ordination has been postponed because of the Coronavirus restrictions. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for priestly ordination on a date as yet unknown.

Pope Francis has issued a special message for today which you can find on the Mount Argus Facebook page. In the message, Pope Francis writes: "Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world."

Special Family Mass: Our next Special Family Mass for the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be on Sunday, 24 May at 11.00 am. In the meantime, we are posting the children's newsletter on our Facebook page each weekend. On Saturday of this week, let's pray especially for the children from Scoil Mologa who were due to make their First Communion at Mount Argus on Saturday but who, like all the other First Communicants in our parish, are waiting to welcome Jesus in Holy Communion when the present situation is over.

Office Hours: To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000. The office at the monastery is closed but the phone is attended from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. Outside of those hours you can leave a message and we will call you back. If you are looking to have a Mass offered or for Mass Cards, please call the office (01-499-2000); cards can be posted out to you.

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.

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 €3,115.

Donation Button: Following a number of enquiries from parishioners and friends, we now have a Donation button on the homepage of our website where you can contribute to the Collection at Mass, make a donation for the Easter Dues or Light a Candle.

The Rosary during May: Pope Francis has asked us all to pray the Rosary during the month of May. At Mount Argus we are praying the Rosary for May after morning Mass, Monday to Saturday. **During the month of May, we will also be livestreaming Rosary and Benediction every Wednesday at 7.30 pm.**

May Bank Holiday: Monday of this week is a Bank Holiday, so Mass in Mount Argus will be at 11.00 am only. There will be no evening Mass on Monday.

Times of Masses: Mount Argus Church remains closed for the time being. This is for the safety of our parishioners and friends, following the instructions from the Government. All Masses are being live streamed and recorded on the parish website (www.mountargusparish.ie). Here are the Mass times at Mount Argus:

Sundays: Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm; Sunday Masses at 11.00 am and 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: Masses at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm

Saturdays: St Charles Novena Mass at 11.00 am; Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm

The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles of Mount Argus is given after the morning Masses on weekdays and after both Masses on Sundays.

The Rosary is prayed on the webcam after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass.

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 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 virus. Our Contact number is 089 982 6794. 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 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.

Dublin South City Partnership is a local development company (based in Crumlin) that offers a range of supports for the local community. In response to COVID-19 they are providing supports from food parcels to prescription shopping collection, Care and Repair team, or putting in touch with other support agencies.

For more information or to avail of any supports please ring the Partnership office on 01-4732196.

(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

To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 1325389.