

Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

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Beginning on Thursday, 25 June, the Church is open daily from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Volunteers needed

We need volunteers to help with cleaning and stewarding so that Mount Argus Church can be opened for personal prayer and later for Mass. Please see the message on the back of this Bulletin for more information.

<u>Time of Masses:</u> 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 at 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.

<u>Thank You:</u> 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 €1,305.

<u>Donations:</u> 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. If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to "Passionist Congregation".

<u>Office Hours:</u> To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000. **The office at the monastery remains 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.

Re-open Mount Argus Church for Personal Prayer

Beginning on Thursday, 25 June, we will re-open Mount Argus Church for personal prayer each day from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. Visitors will enter the church by the left-hand door, and leave by the right-hand door. The door at the ramp for those with disabilities will also be open. Hand sanitisers will be placed inside the church. Those who wish to wear masks/ face coverings are encouraged to do so. There will be a one-way system inside the church, going up the centre aisle and down the side aisles. To ensure social distancing, only every third bench will be open. There will be no confessions in the church as yet, and the number allowed into the church at any time is limited to fifty. We regret that for the present, the toilets will not be available to visitors.

To have the church open for longer hours and, later, to open for Mass, we need more volunteers for cleaning and stewarding. If you are between the ages of 18 and 70, with no underlying health concerns, and are able to help with cleaning and stewarding at Mount Argus, even for one hour per week, please contact the office. When the church is open, even for personal prayer, benches and other surfaces need to be disinfected on a daily basis, and stewards are also needed. Stewards and cleaners do not need to be Garda vetted, but we will keep a register of names and contact details for those who are volunteering; this is important in case tracing and testing needs to be done if one of the volunteers discovers they have the virus.

The more stewards and cleaners we have, the less burden there will be on each one and the more service we will be able to provide. Initially we are opening for two hours each day but when we have more volunteers, we will extend that. If you would like to help with cleaning the Church and/or with stewarding, please contact us either by email (office@mountargusparish.ie) or by phoning the office (01 499200).

When there are changes, we will let you know through the website, the Mount Argus Facebook page and by announcements on the livestream. Meanwhile, we will continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening.

We will not begin public Masses on 29 June; it will be later than that, but we will let you know next weekend. The Government has restricted the number attending to 50 people. We will introduce a system which allows everyone a turn at being present in the church for Mass, whether at the weekend or during the week. At the moment we are working on this, and we will have more information on this next weekend.

I want to remind you that nobody is obliged to come out to church for Mass at present. During these days, the Government is reminding us of the importance of personal responsibility. We have to continue to take care of ourselves and take care of one another because the pandemic is not over. The virus has not gone away, so we still need to be careful and to take all the necessary precautions such as staying at home as much as possible, practising social distancing, and washing or sanitising our hands.

It is important that people's lives are not put at risk and that we move forward as and when we feel safe and ready to do so. In the meantime, let's have patience and continue to pray for one another and support one another.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

(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.