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

Church Opening Hours

Sunday: 7.30 to 9.00 am; 10.30 am to 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm
Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm
Saturday: 3.00 to 4.30 pm

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Today is the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Holy Cross

Tomorrow (Monday) we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and on Tuesday we have the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows; both of these are significant days in the Passionist community. Here is an extract from a reflection on the Cross given by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Good Friday in 2011:

The Cross speaks to us of the supreme love of God and invites, today, to renew our faith in the power of that love, and to believe that in every situation of our lives, our history and our world, God is able to vanquish death, sin and evil, and to give us new, risen life. In the Son of God's death on the Cross, we find the seed of new hope for life, like the seed which dies within the earth.... Let us gaze on the crucified Jesus, and let us ask in prayer: Enlighten our hearts, Lord, that we may follow you along the way of the Cross.

Thank You: We thank those who continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days. Donations received this week amounted to €574.

Donations: With the "Donate" button on our website you can contribute to the Collection at Mass or Light a Candle. If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to "Passionist Congregation".

Collection Basket: For those who are attending Mass in church, there is a collection basket available at the back of the church.

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.

Office Hours: 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 and from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm on 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.

Times of Prayer: The Rosary is prayed after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross. The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles is given after morning Mass on weekdays and after the 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Masses on Sundays. There is also a Blessing with the Relic of St Charles on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4.00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: This time of silent prayer and adoration takes place at the High Altar on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

Crosscare Collection: The annual collection for Crosscare Community, Homeless and Youth Services will be taken up after Mass next Sunday. Crosscare is the Social Support Agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Online Theology Courses at the Priory Institute: The Priory Institute is now taking registrations for autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. If you are interested in looking at the 'big' questions of life, then these courses could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. For more information and a list of courses, go to <https://prioryinstitute.com/>

Mount Argus Church Update – 13 September 2020

Masses at Mount Argus are at the usual times, except that there is no 9.00 am Mass on Saturday for the time being. The church remains open after the 10.00 am Mass (or 11.00 am Mass on Saturday and Sunday) until the evening Mass, but closes after the 8.00 am Sunday Mass until 10.30 am.

When you enter and leave the church, we ask you to use the hand sanitisers and to observe the one-way system of movement which is marked on the floor. We strongly encourage those at Mass to wear masks/ face coverings. We regret that for the present, the toilets are not available to visitors.

We are still encouraging you to phone the office to book to attend Mass; if you book, you are sure of getting in to the church for Mass.

Nobody is obliged to come out to church for Mass at present.

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration at the High Altar every Wednesday and Friday from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

We still 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 us either by email (office@mountargusparish.ie) or by phoning the office (01 4992000).

The Government has decided not to change the numbers permitted indoors for the time being. This means that we will continue to observe the current safety measures. We do this for the protection of all who come to our church. We encourage you to continue to take the necessary precautions with social distancing, hand washing and so on. The pandemic is not over. The virus has not gone away. So let's continue to have patience, to care for one another and to pray for one another.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

(Last week's Church Collection amounted to €1,515 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 0851876203.