



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 8.45 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: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

All the Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day are now fully booked. Admission to these Masses is by ticket only. Those who booked tickets can collect them from the monastery during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9.30 – 1.00 and 1.30 – 5.00) or we will send them to you. Christmas Masses at Mount Argus will be on Christmas Eve at 4.00, 6.00, 8.00 and 10.00 pm, and on Christmas Day at 8.00 and 11.00 am. All of these Masses will be livestreamed on the Mount Argus webcam. Masses on St Stephen's Day will be at 11.00 am and 6.15 pm. Masses on the Sunday after Christmas (27 December) will be at the usual times: 8.00 am, 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Celebration of God's Mercy: On Wednesday evening at 7.30, there will be an online Celebration of God's Mercy in preparation for Christmas, with prayers of reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. This service will take place behind closed doors and will be available on the webcam only.

Confession Times before Christmas: Confessions on Wednesday of this week will be from 11.00 to 11.30 and from 4.00 to 4.30. Confessions on Christmas Eve will be from 11.00 to 11.30. There will be no evening confessions on Christmas Eve. There will be no confessions in the church between Christmas and New Year.

Eucharistic Adoration: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the church this week and next week.

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 continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days. Donations received this week amounted to €1,410.

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”.

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 Thursday this week. The office staff will not be here on 25, 26 and 27 December. From 28 to 31 December, the office staff will be available from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. 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.

Mass Times after Christmas: Here are the times of Masses for the week following Christmas Day:

26 December (St Stephen’s Day) 11.00 am, 6.15 pm. 27 December (Sunday) 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm.

28-31 December (Monday - Thursday) 10.00 am. 1 January (New Year’s Day) – 11.00 am.

Normal Mass times resume on Saturday, 2 January.

Mount Argus Calendars 2020 are available at the back of the church, Please take one.

A Thought from Pope Francis

How often - let us think of ourselves now - how often is our life is made up of postponements, even the spiritual life! For example, I know it is good for me to pray, but today I do not have time... tomorrow... by saying “tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow”, we postpone things: I will do it tomorrow. I know it is important to help someone, yes, I must do it: I will do it tomorrow. Today, on the threshold of Christmas, Mary invites us not to postpone, but to say “yes”. “Must I pray?” “Yes, I will seek and pray”. “Must I help others? Yes”. How shall I do it? And I do it. Without putting it off. Every “yes” costs something, every “yes” has its cost, but it always costs less than what that courageous and prompt “yes” cost her, that “let it be to me according to your word”, which brought us salvation.

What, then is the “yes” we can say? Instead of complaining in these difficult times about what the pandemic prevents us from doing, let us do something for someone who has less: not the umpteenth gift for ourselves and our friends, but for a person in need whom no-one thinks of! And another piece of advice: in order for Jesus to be born in us, let us prepare our hearts, let us go to pray, let us not let ourselves be swept up by consumerism. “Ah, I have to buy presents, I must do this and that”. That frenzy of doing things, more and more. It is Jesus that is important. Consumerism is not found in the manger in Bethlehem: there is reality, poverty, love. Let us prepare our hearts to be like Mary's: free from evil, welcoming, ready to receive God.

“Let it be to me according to your word”. This is the Virgin’s last word for this last Sunday of Advent, and it is the invitation to take a genuine step towards Christmas. For if the birth of Jesus does not touch our lives - mine, yours, yours, ours, everyone’s - if it does not touch our lives, it slips past us in vain. In the Angelus now, we too will say “let your word be fulfilled in me”: May Our Lady help us to say it with our lives, with our approach to these last days in which to prepare ourselves well for Christmas.

(Last week’s Collection was for the St Vincent de Paul Appeal 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.