



# *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 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 First Sunday of Lent**

### **Message of Pope Francis for Lent**

Here is an extract from Pope Francis's message for Lent 2022. The theme of the message is "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:9-10).

'Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. James 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others....'

*Pope Francis*

**Trocaire Lenten Boxes:** Lenten Boxes for Trocaire are available on the tables 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.

**Our Catechumen:** This afternoon (Sunday), our Adult Catechumen, Megan, will take part in the Rite of Election at the Pro-Cathedral where she will be enrolled for Baptism at our Easter Vigil. Our community will offer special prayers for Megan at the 11.00 Mass today.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday of this week, 9 March at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Legion of Mary Talk:** On Tuesday, 8 March at 8.00 pm, Noel Lynch will give a talk on the life of the Servant of God, Alfie Lambe who was an Irish lay missionary and Envoy of the Legion of Mary to South America. All are welcome to this talk which will be given at the Legion of Mary house at 60 Sundrive Road.

**Saint Charles Jubilee Year:** To mark the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Saint Charles of Mount Argus, Pope Francis has granted a Jubilee Year to the birthplace of Saint Charles in the Netherlands and to our church at Mount Argus. During the Jubilee Year, which lasts from 11 December 2021 to 5 January 2023, a Plenary Indulgence can be gained by those who visit Mount Argus Church. The Jubilee Indulgence for the St Charles Jubilee Year can be received every day at Mount Argus during the Jubilee Year by fulfilling these two conditions: (1) making a Pilgrim Visit to Mount Argus Church to take part in a Jubilee celebration or to pray at the tomb of St Charles, saying there the Our Father, the Creed and a prayer to Our Blessed Lady and to St Charles; (2) Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope's intentions. The elderly, the sick and all those who, for grave reason, cannot leave their homes, will be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by repenting of all sins, and by intending to fulfil the conditions of confession, communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions as soon as possible, if in the presence of an image of Saint Charles, they have spiritually participated in the Jubilee, offering to the merciful Lord their prayers and sufferings and the hardships of their lives.

**Would you like to know more about St Charles?** Books and pamphlets about St Charles are available from the reception desk in the Monastery, as well as St Charles relic medals, rosaries and candles.

**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 €417.

**Donations:** With the "Donate" button on our website you can contribute to the Christmas Dues, 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 at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

**ALONE – Volunteers Needed:** ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ALONE is seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit their website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or call their National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

**The Synodal Pathway:** In the coming weeks and months, together with the whole Church, we will be entering into a time of reflection and sharing on the mission of the Church today as we take part in the journey "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". This Synodal Pathway invites the whole Church to walk together and listen to one another but above all to listen to the Holy Spirit. Explaining the Synod's three key words - communion, participation, and mission – Pope Francis has said that communion and mission describe for us the mystery of the Church.

### **Mount Argus Church Update – 6 March 2022**

When coming to Mass at Mount Argus, we encourage you to wear a face mask, to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to practise social distancing. We continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening as usual. The Bishops have said that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended.

**Last week's Church Collection amounted to €1,673    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 0851876203.