



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: 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)

Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

10.30 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.00 noon,

and 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30 am to 6.00 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

St Charles Novena Mass on Saturday at 11.00 am

Healing Mass on last Saturday of the month at 11.00 am

Today is Christmas Day

The Mystery of Christmas

“If we had to express the entire mystery of Christmas in a word, I believe that humility is the one most helpful. The Gospels portray a scene of poverty and austerity, unsuited to sheltering a woman about to give birth. Yet the King of kings enters the world not by attracting attention, but by causing a mysterious pull in the hearts of those who feel the thrilling presence of something completely new, something on the verge of changing history.”

(Pope Francis, 23 December 2021).

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

26 December (Monday) 11.00 am.

27-30 December (Tuesday - Friday) 10.00 am.

31 December (Saturday) 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil Mass).

Masses on Sunday, 1 January will be at the usual times: 8.00 and 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

From Monday to Friday this week, there is no evening Mass; the church will remain open until 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions in the church this week. Confessions and Adoration will resume on Wednesday, 3 January.

Office Hours for Christmas Week: The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the office will be open from 9.30 am to 1.15 pm. The office will be open on Saturday from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

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.

Garda Notice: As the current weather is very dark, cold and at times with poor visibility, it is a gentle reminder to everyone to be cognizant of burglars, thieves and anti-social issues that may lead to a negative experience over the coming festive period. An Garda Siochana would recommend that people adhere to our safety message of recent years: ‘If you love it, lock up and light up’, referring to property, homes, apartments and residences. Unfortunately this time of year sees an increase in burglaries and thefts from property, bogus callers, thefts of bicycles, and vehicles being damaged. To avoid any negative experience over the coming weeks, we in An Garda Siochana ask everyone to be alert and aware of their surroundings and to contact us at any time if they feel the need.

Building Hope through Parish Partnership: As part of the *Building Hope* process, Archbishop Dermot Farrell recently announced the new parish partnerships. Mount Argus Parish has been partnered with Harold’s Cross, Rathmines, Rathgar and Beechwood Avenue parishes. We will be looking together at future ways of cooperating with these parishes.

World Youth Day: The 2023 World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon, Portugal from 31 July to 8 August 2023. The theme of the World Youth Day is “Mary arose and went with haste” (Luke 1:39). Cost for WYD pilgrims is €725, which includes return flights with 10 kg bag, accommodation, food, insurance, transport tickets in Lisbon, pilgrim pack, tickets to events and catechesis, group t-shirt, monthly programme of preparation – before and after Lisbon. For more information, see the posters on the notice board.

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 €1,540.

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”. For those at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

Vigil and Mass for the Feast of St Charles – Closing of the St Charles Jubilee Year: In preparation for the Feast of St Charles of Mount Argus, there will be a Vigil of Prayer on Wednesday, 4 January from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. The Mass for the Feast of St Charles will be at 10.00 am on Wednesday 5 January. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the grace of the St Charles Jubilee Year on Sunday, 8 January at 4.00 pm.

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, can 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.

Mount Argus Church Update – 25 December 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 respect people’s space. We continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening.

Church Collection €1,505 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.