



# *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 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **From Archbishop Farrell: 'This historic, month-long event gives me hope'**

My dear Sisters and Brothers

On Wednesday next, lay women and men, members of religious orders, priests and bishops from around the world will gather in communion with Pope Francis to pray, reflect and discuss what a synodal Church looks like. A body has many parts and for the body to function well, to be energy filled, all the parts must play their part, and play in harmony (1 Cor 4:31). This historic month-long event gives me hope, because I am convinced that it can make a difference to our mission worldwide, and here in the Dublin Diocese.

I am writing to you to ask you to join with me in giving some time and space in your thoughts and prayer to the dialogue taking place in Rome throughout the coming month.

This Synod process is underpinned by the belief that Our God is not remote, but is involved in our affairs, has hopes and dreams for us as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese. God is pursuing His plan for the universe, but He desires and needs our cooperation – we are his eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet. We must therefore constantly try to detect His voice, listen and pursue His will, as the Gospel Acclamation in today's Liturgy reminds us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord." (John 10:27).

Traditionally, we have left the task of discerning what God wants to those in leadership roles. In our time,

#### **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.

however, Pope Francis is reminding us that listening to the voice of God could be hugely enriched if all of God's people, not just those in leadership, took part. "The synod," Pope Francis said on the day before its official opening, "offers us the opportunity to become a listening church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen" (October 9, 2021). Those who struggle with co-responsibility of the entire People of God in the mission of the Church should remember the words with which St John Henry Newman responded to those who questioned him about the role of the laity: "The Church would seem foolish without them."

Synodality has existed since the time of the early church, but which fell into disuse; it was revived by Pope Saint Paul VI as a way of gathering together a variety of voices from across the church. Later, the model was promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II, who convened many synods during his pontificate. Synodality is an attempt to harness the energy of all the members of God's people, to involve them in discerning what God's wants from us and in contributing to the enactment of what He desires. Your response when invited to participate in the Synod process last year was most encouraging. I hope we can build on that involvement; a first step is to engage with what is about to happen, namely this Synod as an important instrument for listening to the People of God.

This can be done, by praying daily for the success of the process, by informing ourselves about what is happening in the process and by embracing its fruits as they emerge. In the words of Pope Francis, "we ask the Holy Spirit first of all for the gift of listening: to listen to God, that with him we may hear the cry of the people; to listen to the people until breathing in the will to which God calls us".

To keep abreast with the Synod, your parish will offer a newsletter every Sunday highlighting the main issues. This newsletter will also give several links to other sources of useful information.

I look forward to your support for the Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission.

+Dermot Farrell

Archbishop of Dublin

**Volunteers Weekend:** On Saturday, 30 September and Sunday, 1 October we will have a special Volunteers event after the Vigil and Sunday Masses. We are inviting new volunteers to help the community by assisting at Mass as musicians, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, stewards and welcomers, and car park support. Please consider if you might be able to put your gifts and talents at the service of our Mount Argus parish and community by signing up for one of these ministries. There will be members of these ministry groups available after Mass at the Volunteers Weekend to answer your questions and help you to volunteer.

**The Family Mass at Mount Argus:** Our first monthly 11.00 am Special Family Mass of this school year will be on Sunday, 15 October. At this Mass we welcome the participation of the children and families of our parish community, especially those who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation during this school year. If your child is preparing for First Communion or Confirmation and would like to read at one of these special Family Masses, please let us know.

**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 €270.

**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 at Mass in church, a collection basket is available at the back of the church.

### **Mount Argus Church Update – 1 October 2023**

When coming to Mass at Mount Argus, we encourage you to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to respect other people's space, showing care and concern for one another.

**Church Collection €1,606      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.