



# *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 Third Sunday of Advent**

### **Gaudete Sunday**

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudete Sunday”, from the Latin word for “Rejoice”. This theme of rejoicing is found in the opening prayer of today’s Mass which looks forward with joy to the coming of Christ: *Grant, almighty God, that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord’s birth, we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings and celebrate his coming with unfailing joy.*

**Bambinelli Sunday:** Today is known in Italy as “Bambinelli Sunday” when the little figures of the baby Jesus which people will place in their Christmas Cribs are brought to the church to be blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the 11.00 Family Mass today, when there will be a special blessing for the figures of the Christ-child (the “Bambinelli”).

**Family Mass and Coffee Morning:** Today at 11.00 am we have our special Family Mass with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful. There will be a Coffee Morning in the new Saint Charles Pilgrim Centre after the 11.00 am Mass today.

**Advent Reconciliation:** Our Partnership of parishes has its Advent Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Our Lady of the Rosary, Harold’s Cross on Monday, 18 December at 7.30 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.

**Church Cleaning for Christmas:** Today (Sunday), from 5.00 to 6.30 pm, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas, We are looking for volunteers to help with this; any help you can give would be very much appreciated. All cleaning material and equipment will be provided.

**Christmas Cards** for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are available from the monastery office.

**Masses for Christmas:** This year, we celebrate Christmas Day on a Monday. For Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve, there will be the usual Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.15 pm; Sunday Masses at 8.00 am, 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, there will also be the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.15 pm, and the Mass of the Nativity at 9.00 pm, with Carols from 8.30 pm and the Blessing of the Crib before the Mass. On Christmas Day, the Dawn Mass will be at 8.00 am and the Day Mass (Family Mass) will be celebrated at 11.00 am. **Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

**Carol Service in Rathgar:** A Christmas Carol Service will take place in the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar on Wednesday, 20 December at 7.00 pm. All are most welcome to join.

**Crosscare:** Leaflets with information about the Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal are available at the back of the church. Donations can be made online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) or by calling 01 8360011 or by cheque or postal order to Crosscare, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768.

**Catholic Young Adults Group – Rathmines:** Navigate your way as a young Catholic in the modern world with likeminded people, regular prayer and faith formation meetings. Every Second Thursday, 7.00 – 9.00 pm in Rathmines Parish Centre. Contact [eoin@rathminesparish.com](mailto:eoin@rathminesparish.com)

**Share Your Crib On Social Media:** During their Winter General Meeting in Maynooth last week, the Bishops of Ireland offered prayers of thanksgiving as 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crib in a cave in Greccio, Italy. To mark this special anniversary in our faith history, the bishops invite everyone to share a picture, or video, of their crib whether it is at home or in the workplace, along with a message. As every crib has its own story, sharing Christmas memories of the crib will provide inspiration to many people during this season of goodwill and celebration for Christian families. To help spread the spirit of Christmas, why don't you tag the bishops in your crib post on Facebook at Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference; Instagram at @catholicbishops; and X/Twitter at @CatholicNewsIRL. The bishops want to remind us of Pope Francis's words that a key message of the Nativity scene is that the mystery of Christmas 'loves to hide within what is infinitely small ... [the Nativity] is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture'.

**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 €367.

**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.

### **Mount Argus Church Update – 17 December 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 €1,595    Feast of the Immaculate Conception €470**  
**Carol Service (for Capuchin Day Centre) €815    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.