



# *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

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#### **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

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## **Today is the Feast of Christ the King**

### **Father Ralph Egan C.P.**

Father Ralph, a member of the Passionist Community at Mount Argus, died peacefully in St James's Hospital after a short illness in the early hours of Monday morning, 20 November 2023. He was ninety years old. He was the person in the monastery with the longest association with Mount Argus, having been an altar server here. When the Parish of St Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus, was established on 15 August 1974, Father Ralph was inducted as our first Parish Priest. During those years he was also well known in the world of broadcasting (or media, as we say nowadays). Later he was chaplain to An Garda Síochána. Father Ralph also worked in Belfast, Scotland and Kenya and was for some years in Huntstown parish in the Archdiocese of Dublin. In recent times he was an active member of the Mount Argus community, ministering to the people in the church here and to various other groups, including Scoil Mologa, Comhaltas, the Sisters of St Clare. His was a gentle, kind and warm-hearted presence in the church and monastery. We pray for his family and all who mourn his passing; we remember him fondly and ask the Lord to welcome him into the fullness of life.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

### **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.

**Preparing for Advent and Christmas:** The Feast of Christ the King, which we celebrate today, is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday a new Church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. We can think this week about how we are going to celebrate Advent which is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and his Second Coming at the end of time. Can we make a welcoming space for Jesus in our homes and in our lives?

**Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party:** Our Carol Service will take place in the Church on Sunday, 10 December at 6.00 pm. It will be followed by Advent/Christmas treats and sweets. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of the Capuchin Day Centre. Come along – bring the family - and sing your way towards Christmas.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The Parish Pastoral met last Wednesday. The main topic for discussion was the Golden Jubilee of Mount Argus Parish which we will celebrate in 2024.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis:** This week, the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is visiting the Archdiocese of Dublin. The relic has travelled to Ireland from Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, the Church where Blessed Carlo's remains are housed and displayed. It is a first-class relic, meaning it is a piece of Blessed Carlo's body. It will come to St Mary of the Angels Church, Church Street, Dublin 7, this Friday, 24 November, and Saturday, 25 November; to the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Bray, Co. Wicklow, this Saturday, 25 November, and Sunday, 26 November; to the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim Street, Dublin 7, this Sunday, 26 November; and to St Kevin's Church, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24, and St Kilian's Church, Kingswood, Dublin 24, on Monday, 27 November.

**Community Centre Senior Christmas Party:** The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 10 December from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the centre at 179 Lower Kimmage Road. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Mary Kennedy Derbhil Johnson or at the Centre on Friday mornings (10.30 am – 12.00 noon) or please call the centre 01 492 1225

**Advent at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght:** 'Tear Open the Heavens' – An Advent Retreat with Sean Goan. Thursday, 7 December to Sunday, 10 December. The focus will be on the scriptures of Advent with a special focus on Isaiah, whose writing continues to inspire us to yearn for the coming of the Chosen One who brings light and hope into the darkness of winter. Cost: €300 residential, full board Thursday to Sunday. €180 non-residential, supper Thursday, lunch Friday, lunch Saturday & Sunday. Limited places are still available. To book please contact 01 4048123 or 4048189 (10.30 am – 2.30 pm Monday to Friday), dominicanretreats@gmail.com or visit [www.facebook.com/DominicanRetreatCentre/](http://www.facebook.com/DominicanRetreatCentre/). The centre is also running a Mindfulness for Christmas event on 2 December.

**Prayer and Meditation Morning:** Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a Morning of Prayer and Meditation with Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The event will take place in Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032 on Saturday, 2 December from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. No previous experience is necessary. See [www.christianmeditation.ie](http://www.christianmeditation.ie) for booking details.

**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 €235.

**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 – 26 November 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 €2,163      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.