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# *Mount Argus Bulletin*

## *The Parish of St Paul of the Cross and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus*

-- *Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin 6W (Eircode: D6W XR66) --*

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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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Saints and Celebrations**

Thursday of this week, 1 February, is the Feast of St Brigid who is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland. Masses will be at the usual times: 10.00 am and 6.15 pm. On Friday, 2 February, we celebrate Candlemas Day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at the 10.00 Mass on Friday. If you wish to have candles blessed, please hand them in to the monastery reception or bring them to Mass on the day. Mark your name clearly on them for collection afterwards. On Saturday, 3 February, which is the Feast of St Blaise, the Blessing of Throats will be celebrated at the 11.00 Mass.

**Family Mass:** Our next special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will take place today (Sunday) at 11.00 am. The monthly Coffee Morning will be held after the 11.00 am Mass today.

**Catholic Schools Week:** Today is the final day of Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools as Communities of Service."

**St Brigid's Day Holiday:** Monday, 5 February will be a bank holiday to mark the Feast of St Brigid. Mass on Monday, 5 February will be at 11.00 am only.

### **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.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday, 31 January at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

**World Day for Consecrated Life:** In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life – sisters, brothers and priests who are members of Religious Orders and Congregations. This special day of prayer is held each year on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February). Here are some words from the message Pope Francis gave on this day last year: *‘Today we celebrate the feast of the encounter: may the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace that the lives of consecrated persons will always be a feast of the encounter with Christ; in this way, like her, we will be able to bring the light of his love to everyone.’*

**Passionist Vocation Retreat:** A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 8 March and ending with lunch on Sunday, 10 March. If you are interested, please contact Fr Paul Francis at [passionistvocations@gmail.com](mailto:passionistvocations@gmail.com)

**Mount Argus Calendars 2024** are available at the back of the church, Please take one.

**Parish Collection Envelopes** for 2024 are now available for collection from the office in the monastery.

**Weekly Coffee Morning:** The Mount Argus Parish Community Centre holds a weekly Coffee Morning every Friday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. All are welcome. The Centre is at 179 Lower Kimmage Road.

**Talk on the Synod:** Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. will give a talk on ‘The Synod – A Word to the World’ in St Mary’s Church, Haddington Road on Thursday, 1 February at 7.00 pm. Fr Radcliffe, a former Master General of the Dominican Order, was the spiritual advisor and retreat giver at the recent Synod in Rome.

**Inchicore Lourdes Novena:** The Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore will hold their Our Lady of Lourdes Novena from Friday, 2 February to Sunday, 11 February. For more information, see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church.

**Dublin Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage:** Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 27 April. This year the pilgrimage celebrates 145 years since the Knock apparition in 1879. The Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers and being planned; more details to follow. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie).

**Exploring Your Faith:** Sycamore is a fantastic book that goes through 20 key aspects from the Catechism in a gentle conversation style allowing young people to engage and explore their faith in a new way. For the first time, the Dublin Diocese Office of Mission and Ministry will run a gathering based on exploring Sycamore together. The gatherings will take place every Tuesday evening on Zoom, beginning 16 January. Two in-person retreat/gathering days will take place over the course of reading the book. To find out more and to sign up, go to [missionministry.ie](http://missionministry.ie) or fill in your details here: <https://forms.office.com/e/knBdvbepAn>

**Thank You:** We thank those who continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community through the “Donate” button on the website or in other ways. Donations received this week amounted to €340.

**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 – 28 January 2024**

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 €1,737      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.