



# *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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Ash Wednesday at Mount Argus**

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday of this week, 14 February. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. *“Each year during Lent we are reminded that goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day”* (Pope Francis).

**Forty Hours Adoration:** As is usual at Mount Argus, the Forty Hours Adoration begins on Ash Wednesday. Adoration will begin after the 10.00 am Mass and will continue throughout the day, ending with Prayer and Benediction from 7.30 to 8.00 pm. On Thursday, 15 February, the Adoration will resume after the 10.00 am Mass and continue until Prayer and Benediction from 7.30 to 8.00 pm. Do try to join us (in person or online) for this evening time of meditative Prayer and Benediction on 14 and 15 February, as a way of beginning Lent in a reflective spirit. During the Forty Hours, there will be the usual evening Mass at 6.15.

**Forty Hours Adoration “Chart”:** To ensure that there is always someone praying before the Blessed Sacrament during the Forty Hours Adoration, a chart has been placed at the back of the Church this weekend. You are invited to sign up for a half hour of prayer during the Forty Hours Adoration.

**Trocaire Lenten Boxes:** Lenten Boxes for Trocaire are available on the tables at the back of the Church.

### **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.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** Today (Sunday, 11 February) is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This year's theme is *"It is not good that man should be alone" – Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*. Here is an extract from Pope Francis's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick: *Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live. To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.*

**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)

**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.

**Accord Collection:** The annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up next weekend. ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers: Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously.

**Just Lent 2024:** This year the Office of Mission & Ministry is inviting you to use the Just Lent Resource with a strong focus on social justice. This initiative is in conjunction with the emphasis at the moment, in parishes and partnerships of parishes, on the Social Justice quadrant of the Building Hope Framework for Renewal. The Just Lent Resource can be used for individual reflection, as a parish leaflet and for small group reflection. Each week there is the same prayer and a connection with the Sunday scriptures, with a short reflection. There is also a key quote connecting to the theme. This is followed by questions for reflection following the method of see, discern and act. The resource also includes a guide page on how to use it. This resource can be found on the Mission & Ministry website [www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent](http://www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent)

**Six Week Lent Course on Spiritual Conversion:** Would you like to take part in something new this Lent? Bayside Alpha are running a free 6-week Zoom course called Metanoia. Metanoia means a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion. The videos contain half hour episodes shot in locations throughout the Holy Land and there is an opportunity to meet other people, to share your journey and listen to other people's journeys. The course starts on Tuesday, 13 February 2024 at 7.30 pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. If you would like to take part please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

**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 €240.

**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 – 11 February 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 €1,831      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.