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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 First Sunday of Lent

Message of Pope Francis for Lent - "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom"

Here is an extract from Pope Francis's message for Lent 2024:

'God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken. This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies.... We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. (Pope Francis)

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.

Accord Collection: The annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, takes place today. This collection will be taken up outside the church. 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 needs support this year more than ever. Please give generously.

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

Family Mass and Coffee Morning: Next Sunday at 11.00 am we will 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 after the 11.00 am Mass next Sunday.

St Vincent de Paul Collection: The monthly collection to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place after Mass next weekend. This collection will be taken up outside the church.

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.

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

Alfie Lambe Mass: Mass for the Beatification of Alfie Lambe, one of Ireland's candidates for sainthood will be offered in St Agnes Church, Crumlin, on Sunday, 3 March at 12.30 pm. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr Tony O'Shaughnessy. Alfie, a native of Tullamore, Co. Offaly, and a Legion of Mary Envoy to South America was named as "Servant of God" in recognition of the holiness and dedication of his short life.

Evangelium – Catholic Apologetics Conference for Young Adults: You are warmly invited to Evangelium 2024 - a Catholic Apologetics Conference for young adults taking place on Saturday, 16 March from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Main speakers include Fr Vincent Twomey, Fr Bill O'Shaughnessy and Sr Kathryn Press. There will also be an opportunity for Mass, workshops and socialising with other young Catholics from around the country. Price is €38 including dinner, refreshments and social event. To book, please search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite, and for more information, please email evangeliumireland@gmail.com

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 can be found on the Mission & Ministry website www.missionministry.ie/lent-2024-resource-justlent

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 €192.

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 – 18 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 €2,065 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
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 0851876203.