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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Passionist Feast Day

On Friday of this week, 9 February, we will celebrate the Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the titular feast of the Passionist Congregation. The feast day is kept each year on the Friday before Ash Wednesday; it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the Mystery of Christ's Passion and Death before we enter into the Season of Lent. The feast was instituted by St. Paul of the Cross as a joyful celebration of the mystery of Good Friday, focussing on the Passion as "the most overwhelming sign of God's love" (St. Paul of the Cross). Passionist Bishop, Saint Vincent Strambi writes, "Happy are the people who reflect on the life giving Passion of our Lord. They will be humble, trustful, thankful and loving towards Jesus who is our justice, our sanctification and our redemption" (From the book 'The Treasures Which We Have in Jesus Christ,' Volume III, p. 14). May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts!

Ash Wednesday and the Forty Hours Adoration: The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday of next week, 14 February. As is usual at Mount Argus, the Forty Hours Adoration will take place on Ash Wednesday and the following day (14 and 15 February). Adoration will begin on each of these days after the 10.00 am Mass and will continue throughout the day, ending with Prayer and Benediction from 7.30 to 8.00 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.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking: Thursday of this week, 8 February, is the International Day of Prayer and awareness against Human Trafficking, which is a modern form of slavery. Here is a reflection from Pope Francis on this issue: “Dear brothers and sisters, 8 February is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese nun, who as a child had the traumatic experience of being a victim of human trafficking. The Unions of Superiors General of Religious Institutes have organized the Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. I encourage those who work helping the men, women and children who are enslaved, exploited, abused as instruments of work or pleasure, who are often tortured and mutilated. It is my hope that government leaders may work decisively to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge; it is a scourge unworthy of society. May each one of us feel committed to being a voice for our brothers and sisters, who have been humiliated in their dignity.” (Pope Francis, Angelus Prayer February 8th, 2015)

Parish Pastoral Council Report: Last week’s meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council focussed mainly on the Golden Jubilee of Mount Argus Parish which we will be celebrating this year.

Saint Charles Blessings: The Blessing with the relic of Saint Charles of Mount Argus is given on Sundays after the 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Masses. From Monday to Friday, the Blessing is given after 10.00 am Mass. On Wednesdays, Thursdays to Fridays the Blessing with the Relic of Saint Charles is also given at 4.00 pm. On Saturdays, the Blessing is given after the 11.00 am Saint Charles Novena Mass.

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

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.

Inchicore Lourdes Novena: The Our Lady of Lourdes Novena continues at the Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore continues until 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.

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 €174.

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 – 4 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 €1,745 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.