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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 of Lent (St Patrick's Day)

Saint Patrick – in his own words

I am Patrick, a sinner, most unlearned, the least of all the faithful, and utterly despised by many. My father was Calpornius, a deacon, son of Potitus, a priest, of the village Bannavem Taburniae (*probably in Britain*); he had a country seat nearby, and there I was taken captive. I was then about sixteen years of age. At that time, I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity in Ireland, along with thousands of others.... It was there that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. Even though it came about late, I recognised my failings. So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God, and he looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son. That is why I cannot be silent about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity.... So I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee. I was like a stone lying in the deep mire; and He, that is mighty, came and in His mercy lifted me up... and placed me on the very top of the wall. So be amazed, all you people great and small who fear God! You well-educated people in authority, listen and examine this carefully. Who was it who called one as foolish as I am? Regardless of danger I must make known the gift of God without fear and I must spread everywhere the name of God so that, after my decease, I may leave a bequest to those whom I have baptised in the Lord - so many thousands of people.

from the Confession (Testimony) of Saint Patrick

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.

Palm Sunday Procession:

SVP Monthly Collection: The monthly Saint Vincent de Paul Collection will take place outside the Church after Masses next weekend.

St Patrick's Holiday: Monday is the St Patrick's Holiday. Mass at Mount Argus Church on Monday will be at 11.00 am only. There is no evening Mass on Monday. The office is closed all day on Monday.

Holy Week and Easter 2024: A leaflet containing times for Mass, Confessions and other services during Holy Week and Easter Week is available at the back of the Church.

Our Reconciliation Service will be held at the Saint Charles Healing Mass at 11.00 am on Saturday of this week, 23 March.

Mount Argus Parish Golden Jubilee: The Mount Argus Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6 March. The theme for our parish's Golden Jubilee year is "With gratitude for past blessings, we continue to journey together." Our Jubilee Year will include a variety of celebrations: social events, concerts, exhibitions, a special Golden Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Dermot Farrell. In this year which Pope Francis has dedicated as a Year of Prayer, we will also have special times of prayer and reflection where together we can grow as a community of faith whose mission is to be disciples of Jesus in today's world.

Photos Wanted: In April we will have an exhibition of photographs of fifty years of life at Mount Argus Parish. If you have any photos of people, events or places in Mount Argus church and parish, you might consider lending them for the exhibition. If you wish the photos to be returned, please put your name and contact details on the back. Prints can be handed in at the reception desk in the monastery. Digital photos can be emailed to mountargusparish50@gmail.com

Special Family Mass: Our next special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will take place on Sunday, 24 March at 11.00 am.

Church Cleaning for Easter: On Palm Sunday (24 March), from 5.00 to 6.30 pm, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Easter. We are looking for volunteers to help with this; any help you can give would be very much appreciated. All cleaning material and equipment will be provided.

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

Community Centre Course: A four week Tai-Chi and Mindfulness Course will be held in the Mount Argus Community Centre from Wednesday, 6 March to Wednesday, 27 March from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. The course is free of charge. To reserve a place please call Jenny on 086 1438709

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 €160.

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 – 17 March 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 €1,791 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.