



# Mount Argus Bulletin

## The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

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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  
**St Charles Novena Mass:** Saturday, 11.00 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
 11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm  
 Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

## **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday (year A)**

On this the third Sunday of Advent, the theme is traditionally one of joy. The first word of the entrance antiphon today is "Rejoice!" – *gaudete* in Latin. This Sunday, therefore, has come to be known as "Gaudete Sunday".

In the past, Advent was a penitential season - many may still remember when there was fasting during this period - and the celebrant of the liturgy wears vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. The atmosphere was deliberately sombre and penitential.

In the middle of it all, people needed to be reminded of what they were preparing for - the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus. In the midst of all the penance and fasting, today was conceived as a window of joy and brightness in anticipation of what was to come. To mark this, in many churches the priests wears a pinkish red, a toned-down violet usually described as "rose".

The readings today, *Gaudete* Sunday, are full of encouragement, resonating with joyful hope as we draw closer to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, the coming of God's Son to live amongst us. As we continue our preparation for Christmas, we also rejoice that Jesus has already come.

## **Advent Carol Service**

In Italy, today is known as "Bambinelli Sunday" when the little figures of the baby Jesus, which people will place in their Christmas Cribs, are brought to the church to be blessed. We invite children – and adults too – to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Crib to the **Advent Carol Service at 6pm this Sunday evening**, when there will be a special blessing for the figures of the Christ-child (the "Bambinelli").

## **St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal**

The annual Christmas Appeal on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, will take place this year this weekend. Please give generously.

## Catholic Education – Have Your Say

You are invited to express your wishes and views about the future of primary schools in areas such as:

- Denominational or multi-denominational patronage
- English - or Irish - medium education
- Co-educational or single-sex schooling

The diocese recommends to **Have your say** by completing the Government's online survey by **16<sup>th</sup> December** - *only two day left* - at: [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey)

## ☆☆☆ Diamond Jubilee ☆☆☆

We congratulate Fr Eugene CP on the diamond jubilee (60 years' anniversary) of his ordination. Fr Eugene will celebrate Mass of thanksgiving **this Sunday at 11:00am**, after which there will be an opportunity to extend personal congratulations over tea/coffee in the St Charles Centre - everyone invited.

## #YML (Young Adult Ministry)

Registration is now open for the second intake of the **Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML**. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this course is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences and key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as *Christus Vivit*. For more information and to send on any queries, please contact [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie). Registration is open and can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Et8sXCxNtC>

## Church Cleaning for Christmas

Next **Sunday, 21st December**, from **5:00pm to 7pm**, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas. We welcome volunteers to help - even for just part of this time; every little help will be very much appreciated. All cleaning materials and equipment will be provided.

## Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Parish Choir rehearsals for Advent and Christmas will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** from **7.30 to 9.30 pm** in the Upper Room. Interested new adult members are welcome.

## Advent Service of Reconciliation

Our **Reconciliation Service and Mass** will be held at **11:00am** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wed. 24 December

6:15pm the Vigil Mass of Christmas

8:30pm Carols and the Blessing of the Crib

9:00pm Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day, Thurs. 25 December

8:00am the Dawn Mass

11:00am the Day Mass (Family Mass).



***There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day***

**We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died recently:** Alan Hennessy, Dr Brendan Clune (funeral on Tuesday at 11:30 am); **and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Eugene O'Shea, Phylis Marlborough, Joan Lavelle, Batt and Siobhan Garvey, Vera Lyons, Anthony Dunne, Jack, Eileen, Mary and Patrick Hester, Sarah Perry, Gerry Dunne, John Sharpe, Deirdre Kane (Plunket) and Reginald Gilmer (MM).

## Financial Update

Last week's collection

€1,205.00
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Standing orders, approx.

€250.00
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Donations via website

€606.00
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Payments via credit card machines

€957.00
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