



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

Feast of the Holy Family

The gospel today reveals a God who journeys with families and works quietly through faithful obedience, amid fear, turmoil and uncertainty.

The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt reveals a God who enters fully into human vulnerability. The Savior of the world begins his life not in safety, but as a baby carried through fear, uncertainty, and exile. Again, Joseph's attentiveness to God's voice - listening, trusting, and acting - protects the child Jesus, and fulfils Scripture. In Mary and Joseph, we see quiet courage and trust, obedience without full understanding, and faith expressed through action.

The Holy Family's journey speaks gently to all who are "in movement", in particular to families forced to leave their homes or their own land, in search of work, safety or peace. God is not distant from their suffering, but walks the road with them.

In the Family of Nazareth, we can learn to allow ourselves to be guided by God's powerful hand. Every obstacle, every difficulty can be transformed into an opportunity to "depart" an opportunity, for a "journey toward conversion", in search of stability, serenity and peace – new life.

The Holy Family's settling in Nazareth, an obscure and (then) not widely known place, Jesus becomes a 'Nazarene'. He grows up in anonymity, away from power and prestige, foreshadowing a Messiah who will be a humble servant-king.

***The Parish Pastoral Council and the Passionist Community wish you
a blessed and holy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.***

May the Christ-child bless your home and family with an abundance of His Love

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

Car Parking

Car park controls are now in operation. The monitoring of the car park has been introduced so that Church users and visitors to the Monastery can easily find a parking space. Cars of persons visiting the Church and the Monastery or attending parish activities will **NOT** be clamped.

The Life of Our Lord (Charles Dickens)

Dublin's Vue cinema, Liffey Valley, is showing **The King of Kings** (PG), daily at 10am from Sat. 27th December until New Year's Day. *Tickets are from just €2.99 when booked online (€1 extra at box office).* The trailer can be seen at: suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/resources/collection/the-king-of-kings/. A helpful review: youtube.com/watch?v=Jkap02GpLPE

Christmas and New Year Schedule

Day	Date	Mass Times	Monastery/Office Hours
Mon	29 th Dec. *	10:00am	9:30am – 1:00pm
Tues	30 th Dec. *	10:00am	9:30am – 1:00pm
Wed	31 st Dec. *	10:00am	9:30am – 1:00pm
Thurs	1 st Jan. *	11:00am	Closed
Fri	2 nd Jan. *	10:00am	9:30am – 1:00pm
Sat	3 rd Jan.	11:00am and 6:15pm	9:30am – 1:00pm

* the church will close at 5pm

Confession and Eucharistic Adoration times will be suspended from Christmas day till **Saturday, 3rd January 2026**, when the normal Church timetable will resume.

Feast of St Charles of Mount Argus

The Mass for the Feast of St Charles will be at **10.00 am** on **Monday 5 January**.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died recently: ... ; and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Gerard Ritchie, Norah Steadman, Sheila Buckley, Wilden Kelly, Kathleen Carr (MM), members of the Cummins, Lawler and White families, Partick Mahon and Carmel O'Brien (MM).

Financial Update

Last week's collection	€1,344.00	Donations via website	€341.00
Standing orders, approx.	€250.00	Payments via credit card machines**	€2,004.50

** includes Christmas

Parish Collection Envelopes

Parish Envelopes for 2026 will soon be available for collection from the office in the monastery. Parish envelopes are a means of tracking regular payments you make towards the maintenance and upkeep of the parish and, where desired, can assist tax/charitable purposes. Please let us know if you would like a set.

Volunteers

Since I returned to Mount Argus, and latterly assumed the role of Parish Priest at the end of November, it has obviously been a period of change for the parish and for me. My move to Mount Argus has not been without its challenges, with my having to travel North for various appointments. With the New Year, I trust things will settle down.

I appreciated the warm welcome I received at the "volunteers' event" in October, where I recognized many familiar faces. I take great comfort in the number of people who have offered to assist in whatever way they can. Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, I can more clearly highlight the many areas, in which your help and support would be greatly valued, and where a lending hand will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

In the meantime, if you think you would like to volunteer in any capacity, offering your skills, talents, ability, time *et al*, to the parish community, please do not hesitate to approach me.

Jr. Aidan