



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

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

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

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

The Second Sunday After Christmas

As we enter the New year, we extend and receive many blessings and good wishes. And there is one question on our lips: *How did you get over Christmas?* For us Christians, we are still trying to plumb the depths of what it means to confess that the *Word became flesh and dwelt among us*, and this is what today, the Second Sunday during Christmastide, affords us.

Today's Mass readings focus on the themes of light, grace and the divine nature of Christ. We are encouraged to reflect on the significance of Jesus' birth and to try to make sense of what it means to say that '*Christ has come among us.*'

Feast of St Charles of Mount Argus

Monday, 5th January is the Feast of St Charles of Mount Argus. Father Charles died at Mount Argus on this day in 1893, just two weeks after his seventy-first birthday. He had arrived at Mount Argus from England on 9 July 1857, having been born in Munstergeleen, in the Netherlands and ordained as a Passionist priest in Belgium. During his years in Ireland, he was well known in Dublin and beyond for his compassion for the sick and suffering. Every day at Mount Argus he blessed the people with the relic of St Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionists, and many were healed through his intercession, as they still are today.



*Saint Charles, you knew what it is like
 to live with sickness and pain.
 We ask you to intercede for those who are sick.
 May they know that, in their sickness,
 the loving hand of God reaches out to them
 with healing and hope for body and spirit.
 May they learn to trust God
 and place their lives in his hands. Amen.*

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

Car Parking

The monitoring of the car park has now 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.

Feast of the Epiphany – Tues. 6th January

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of the Infant Christ to the all nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi - also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. It signifies the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, not only by the Jewish people, but by the wider world.

Masses for **the Epiphany** (a holy day of obligation) are on Mon 6:15pm (vigil); Tues 10:00am and 6:15pm.

Family Mass

Our next special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will be on next **Sunday, 11th January at 11.00 am**, after which you are invited for tea/coffee in the St Charles Centre.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays (4:00pm – 6:00pm) resumes this week.

Weekly Coffee Morning

The Mount Argus Parish Community Centre (179 Kimmage Road) will hold coffee mornings on **Friday 9th and Friday 23rd January**, from **10.30 am to 12.00 noon**. All are welcome.

Mount Argus Calendars

Copies of our 2026 Calendar are available at the back of the church; please take one.

Parish Collection Envelopes

Parish Envelopes for 2026 are 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. We invite those who use the envelopes to keep the same number they had last year and to provide their name and address when collecting their envelopes. If you do not have a set and would like one, please let us know.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara which supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Monday, 12 January at 7.30 pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died recently: Mary Therese Keane, Hilda Lawless, Oliver McDwyer, Patick Somers (funeral: Mon. 5th Jan. at 1:30pm); **and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Betty Flood (nee Talbott), Sean Nestor and Lil Doyle.

Financial Update

Last week's collection

€1,136.00

Bank Standing Orders (approx.)

€250.00

Donations via website
and card machines

€689.00
€671.00

Christmas Collection

€3,315.00

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, or time to the parish community, please do not hesitate to approach me.

F. Aidan

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Passionist Community wish you a blessed and peace-filled New Year.