



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 Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudete Sunday”, from the Latin word for “Rejoice”. This theme of rejoicing is found in the opening prayer of today’s Mass which looks forward with joy to the coming of Christ: *Grant, almighty God, that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord’s birth, we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings and celebrate his coming with unfailing joy.*

Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party: Our Carol Service will take place in the Church today (Sunday, 15 December) at 6.00 pm. It will be followed by Advent/Christmas treats and sweets in the Saint Charles Centre. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of the Capuchin Day Centre. Come along – bring the family - and sing your way towards Christmas.

Garda Choir: Today (Sunday) at the 11.00 am Mass we welcome the Male Voice Choir of An Garda Siochana to sing a special Mass as part of our Parish’s Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Church Cleaning for Christmas: On Sunday, 22 December, from 5.00 to 6.30 pm, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas. 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.

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.

Advent and Christmas: Leaflets with the times of Masses and Confessions for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the church.

Advent Reconciliation: Our Advent Reconciliation Service and Mass will be held at 11.00 am on Saturday, 21 December.

Masses for Christmas: On Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve, there will be the Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.15 pm, and the Mass of the Nativity at 9.00 pm, with Carols from 8.30 pm and the Blessing of the Crib before the Mass. On Christmas Day, the Dawn Mass will be at 8.00 am and the Day Mass (Family Mass) will be celebrated at 11.00 am. There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cards: Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are now available from the office at the monastery during office hours.

Crosscare Appeal: Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, is once again asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000 people, including 1500 children, have needed basic food supplies and support; over a quarter of those coming to Crosscare's Food Poverty Service accessing food support are parenting alone. In the Community Café in Portland Row, staff will have served nearly 10,000 affordable, nutritious meals by the end of this year. As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.

Irish Bishops' Digital Advent Calendar: The Irish Bishops' Digital Advent Calendar for 2024 offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of Hope, the online calendar offers prayers as well as short videos and audio messages, to help people of all ages to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. To access the calendar please visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>.

Young Adult Ministry Training: A new and exciting opportunity is beginning with the establishment of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate 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 & 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. Registration is open and can be accessed here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WXSxEzXUQ7>. Closing date for applications is Monday, 6 January at 5.00 pm.

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage: The Mission and Ministry team at Dublin Diocese are delighted to announce their plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer. If you can't make it, there's also an option for a 'Rome @ Home'! Fill in your details to express interest in being part of the group or mark your option for 'Rome @ Home'. Email:

natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie or you can register interest at <https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqiL7t>

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 €2,110.

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 – 15 December 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 €2,085 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 poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection. To contact a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call the parish office on 01 4992000. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Dublin: Statement, Reporting Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines 2018" is available at the reception desk in the monastery.