



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

-- Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin 6W (Eircode: D6W XR66) --

Phone: 01 4992000 Email: office@mountargusparish.ie

Website (including Bulletin online): www.mountargusparish.ie

Facebook Page: Mount Argus – The Shrine of Saint Charles

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 Second Sunday of Advent

The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal takes place today

Advent – Preparing for Christmas

The Season of Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. You will see that the building of our Christmas crib has already started, preparing the place where the image of the child Jesus will be found on Christmas Day. Perhaps you are already thinking of the Christmas Crib you will place in your home at Christmas. In a letter he wrote in 2019, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of what he called “the enchanting image of the Christmas Crib”. He wrote:

I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition.... It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: At Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak on the annual Christmas Appeal which will be taken up after Mass.

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.

Family Mass for Advent: Our monthly Family Mass takes place today and is followed by the Coffee Morning in the Saint Charles Centre.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: This year we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, 9 December, as the Eighth of December is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because the feast is transferred to 9 December, **it is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.**

Garda Choir: Next Sunday (15 December) at the 11.00 am Mass we will welcome the Male Voice Choir of An Garda Siochana to sing a special Mass as part of our Parish's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

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

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.

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.

Mount Argus Carol Service and Christmas Party: Our Carol Service will take place in the Church on Sunday, 15 December at 6.00 pm. It will be followed by Advent/Christmas treats and sweets. 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.

Art Exhibition: The Art Group are holding an Art Exhibition on Sunday, 8 December from 12.30 to 3.30 pm in the Mount Argus Parish Community Centre, 179 Lower Kimmage Road. All are welcome.

Talk on Our Lady: You are invited to a talk and discussion on the Immaculate Conception. Venue: 'Immaculata House,' 60 Sundrive Road, Kimmage from 7.00 to 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 December. Break for tea and biscuits. Bring a friend!

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.

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 €630.

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 – 8 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 €2,005 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.