



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

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

First Sunday of Advent (year A)

"With this celebration the Lord gives us the grace and joy of opening the new Liturgical Year, starting with its first season: Advent, the period that commemorates the coming of God among us.

Every beginning brings a special grace, because it is blessed by the Lord. In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world, who guides history and who cared for us to the point of deigning to become a man. This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas.

During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and, in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles."

(Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the First Sunday of Advent, 2010)

The word "advent" means "coming" or "presence". In the ancient world it meant the visit of the king or emperor to a province; in the Christian language it refers to the Coming of God, and his presence in the world – the First Coming in Jesus' birth and the Second Coming at the end of the world. There is also the coming of Jesus in the here-and-now, in his presence in the Church, in the sacraments and in our living a Christian life.

A new Church year begins today, the First Sunday of Advent; a time for New Year resolutions. We can reflect on how we are going to celebrate Advent, as we prepare for Christmas – Jesus' first coming – and as we *look forward to Resurrection of the Dead* (which we pray in the Creed), that is his Second Coming at the end of time. Can we make a welcoming space for Jesus to come in our in our lives, our homes, our parish?

Formal Announcement of New Parish Priest

Archbishop Dermot Farrell, has announced that Father Aidan O'Kane CP, newly appointed Parish Priest, will assume the pastoral care of Mount Argus Parish, on the weekend of 29th/30th November 2025. Father Aidan has been dispensed from the normal means of assuming the pastoral care of the parish (c.f. canon. 527§2).

Carparking

We have consulted with various parking management companies and have agreed with **APCOA Parking Management Services** to introduce and to implement carparking controls, with the objective of making parking more accessible for Church users and visitors to the Monastery. Over the next weeks, signs will be erected advising carpark users of the controls to be introduced.

We have provided the company with the times of the regular Church services and office hours, and will update them as required for funerals and any other Church activities/meetings, to ensure that *bona-fide* Church users and visitors to the Monastery will not be adversely affected.

Mount Argus Parish Centre (179 Lower Kimmage Road)

The Mt Argus Community Centre **Senior Christmas Party** will be held in the Centre on **Saturday 13th December** from 2pm to 5pm - admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Mary Kennedy, Derbhil Johnson, or at the Centre on the 7th December (10.30 - 12pm), or please call the Centre 01 492 1225 and we will deliver them to you.

Coffee Mornings for December at the Centre are on **Friday 7th and 19th December** 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along - everyone welcome.

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Parish Choir Rehearsals for Advent and Christmas will take place on **Saturday 6th, 13th and 20th December from 7.30 to 9.30 pm** in the Upper Room. Interested new adult members are welcome.

Monthly Family Mass

Our monthly special Family Mass and Coffee Morning will take place **11am next Sunday 7th December**. At this Mass we welcome the participation of the children and families of our parish community, especially those who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation during this school year.

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 on weekend of **13th/14th December**.

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 Ireland is having its annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare, on the **12th-14th of December** for ages 16-35. This retreat is donation only and there will be free buses arriving from all over the country. To find out more information and to register please visit our website at youth2000.ie or contact us at office@youth2000.ie.

#YML

Registration is now open for the second intake of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML. Running over six Saturdays (24 Jan, 21 Feb, 14 Mar, 4 Apr, 9 May and 13 June), 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 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, please contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died:

Carmel O'Brien, nee Griffin (Funeral Monday, 11.30); Jack and Maisie Nestor and Family (RIP), Nancy Byrne (A), Paul Little (A) and all those whose names have been entered on the November altar-list of the dead.

Financial Update

Last week's collection

€1,205.00

Standing orders, approx.

€250.00

Donations via website

€141.00

Payments via credit card machines

€1,074.00
