Collections: Week ending: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

€1,874 (from which taken Share €250)

Par. Envelopes: €119.50

Standing Orders etc: €350 (Approx)

# **Novena of Grace**

Please pray for Fr. Gareth Thomas CP; Fr. Pat Rogers CP and Fr. Frank Keevins CP who will conduct the Novena of Grace in St. Agnes' Crumlin from 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March. Fr. Gareth was just ordained last year and is at present based in Holy Cross, Ardoyne – so we pray for Gareth especially. Fr. Frank will also preach part of the Novena in Harold's Cross as part of our 3-parishes together cooperation. Fr. David from Rathmines will also preach part of the Novena with Fr. Gerry in Harold's Cross doing the rest himself. Fr. Donal Neary asked me to mention that the Novena will also be taking place in Gardiner Street where the homilist is Fr. Michael Coutts SJ.

# **Lenten Calendars**

The Lenten scratch-off calendars were a great success with 500 selling very quickly. This left a profit of €350 which we have decided to split equally between the Community Centre and the Work4All. Both of these try to survive on a very tight budget and that sum will be of great benefit to them and the good work that they do. I hope you are finding the calendars helpful on your Lenten journey.

# 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
- People and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.

# **Parishes Together**

For five consecutive Mondays during Lent the 3 parishes of Mount Argus, Harold's Cross and Rathmines are presenting five selected episodes of the excellent mini-series "The Bible". The second of these, focusing on the birth and early life of Jesus, will take place at 7.30pm in the Harold's Cross Parish Centre on next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Each DVD lasts about 40 minutes and we will have time for some sharing and a cuppa afterwards. A sixth session, focused on the Resurrection, will be scheduled for some time after Easter. Please see the poster on the notice board.

#### The Alzheimer Café

The Dominican Sisters have a wonderful project called The Alzheimer Café. It creates a friendly and safe space to come and have a cuppa, listen to some input and have a chat. On next Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Dominic Sisters, 183 Navan Road, Santa Sabina House, Cabra, there will be a session from 7-9pm with an input given by Fiona Gallagher on "Living well with Dementia".

# Congratulations

Congratulations to the children attending St. Clare's Primary and Harold's Cross National Schools who made their Confirmations last Thursday. We wish them every blessing in trying to embrace their new lives as mature Christians. Fr. Dan O'Connor, delegated by the Archbishop, conferred the Sacrament and Fr. Frank concelebrated alongside Fr. Gerry Kane, parish priest of Harold's Cross.

# Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organization which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, or visit the website

www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

"Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation" (Pope Francis) (Trocaire Theme for Lent 2015) Kindly remember the recently deceased:

**Kathleen Brown** 

May she rest in peace

World Youth Day 2016

WYD 2016 will take place in Krakow, Poland. Expressions of interest now welcome. Information is sparse at present as there is still a need for good leaders so if you may be interested in being a leader for WYD 2016 please get in touch with the Diocese who have special training plans just commenced. If you wish to register your interest in going to Krakow for WYD 2016 just let the Diocese know by email: wyd@dublindiocese.ie

Or else if you prefer to do it through the parish just hand your name and contact details in at the monastery reception for the attention of Fr. Frank or Katie McDermott or email: fkcp@eircom.net

# **Lenten Prayer Tree**

Crosses hung on the tree and remembered in prayers and Masses will be placed in the Easter garden when lent is over as a symbol of hope.

Make Your Hearts Firm
(James 5:8)
(During this Lent let us all
ask the Lord "make our
hearts like yours"; in this
way we will receive a heart
which is firm and merciful,
attentive and generous –
(Pope Francis' Message for
Lent 2015)