

**Collections: Week ending:
8th February 2015**

€1,922 (from which taken
Share: €250)

Par. Envelopes: €100.50

**Standing Orders etc: €338
(Approx)**

Accord Dublin

The Accord Dublin Annual Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 14th/15th February. In Mount Argus this will be taken up as an Exit Collection. Accord offers throughout the diocese: marriage preparation courses; counseling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, and a relation and sexuality programme in schools. Accord Dublin needs your support so please give as generously as you can.

Scratch-Off Calendars

In preparation for Lent, and for a donation of €1 each, you can take home a Lenten scratch-off calendar. The idea is that for each day of Lent you scratch off to find a simple and achievable task of prayer, fasting or giving, related to the Gospel of the day. 30 cents of each Euro will cover costs and the remaining 70 cents will go to some good cause. Volunteers will be on hand after Mass to take your donation and hand out the cards.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available on the tables for collection from this weekend on.

Lent 2015

A booklet is available on tables at back of the church with Mass & Service times.

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.*

Ash Wednesday/40 Hours Adoration

On Ash Wednesday there will be ashes at the altar rails throughout the day. As ever in Mount Argus we have the **40 Hours Adoration** from after the 10am Mass ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8pm. On Thursday the **40 Hours Adoration** will resume from after the 10am Mass ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8pm. Do join us for the closing prayer with led meditation each evening and get Lent off to a good start.

Lenten Prayer Tree

Crosses may be hung on our Lenten prayer tree with names or intentions you wish to be remembered in prayers and Masses throughout lent. These crosses will be placed in the Easter Garden when Lent is over as a symbol of hope.

Soup n' Roll

There will be soup n' Roll in the Community Centre on Ash Wednesday for anyone who would like to have a light lunch and make a small contribution to Trocaire – all welcome.

Early Mass

An extra early morning Mass will be provided during weekdays of Lent at 7a.m.

Parishes Together

For five consecutive Mondays during Lent the 3 parishes of Mount Argus, Harold's Cross and Rathmines will present five selected episodes of the excellent mini-series "The Bible". The first will take place at 7.30pm in the Harold's Cross Parish Centre on Monday 23rd February. Please see the poster on the notice board.

Fr John Sullivan

Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Venerable Fr John Sullivan SJ, and prayer for his canonisation will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street on Saturday 21 February @ 11.00am. There will be a blessing with the crucifix of Fr John after Mass.

Safeguarding Review

The National Board's Safeguarding Review for the Passionists can be accessed on the Passionist Website: www.passionists.ie

**Kindly remember the
recently deceased:**

**Joe McArdle
Kathleen O'Neill
Audrey Mullan**

May they rest in peace

Synod on the Family

The second session of the Synod of Bishops in Rome on the Family will take place in October 2015. Archbishop Martin has provided three documents, an **Information Sheet, a copy of the final report of the first part of the Synod** which was held last October – this document is called the **Relatio Synodi**, and a **Questionnaire**. These documents will be available for download from this weekend. Parishioners can engage with the process by reading the documents and submitting any answers and opinions through the **Parish Pastoral Council** where they will be gathered and forwarded to the **Diocesan Office for Evangelization**. Not all questions need be answered; parishioners can choose to answer which ever questions they wish.

Casa Collection

Gate collection next week for The Caring and Sharing Association (CASA) which develops friendships between helpers and people with disabilities and makes an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Make Your Hearts Firm
(James 5:8)**

(Pope Francis' Message for Lent)