

**Collections: Week ending:
6th December 2015**

*€1,818 (of which €250 sent to
Share)*

Par. Envs: €423.50 (3 weeks)

**Standing Orders: €330
(Approx.)**

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.*

**Please pray for those
recently deceased:**

*And for our own loved
ones who have gone
before us...*

Rest in Peace

SVP Christmas Appeal

At all Masses this weekend **12th/13th December** we welcome a member of our local SVP Conference to speak and to make the annual Christmas Appeal that enables the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas.

Carol Service

Our **Carol Service** will take place **this Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm**. Please do try and join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part in our preparation for Christmas – and spread the word to family and friends.

Reconciliation Service

Our Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11am St. Charles Mass **next Saturday 19th December @ 11am**. Among the confessors will be Fr. Frank Trias CP, fresh from his ordination.

Christmas Confessions & Masses:

Confessions usual days & times until Christmas Eve when Confessions will be continuous from 9am to 6pm; then Vigil Mass @ 6.15pm & Mass of the Nativity at 9pm. Christmas Day Masses @ 8am & 11am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Starting on 9th December, Eucharistic Adoration will finish Wednesdays @ 6pm until further notice.

Mount Argus Door of Mercy

In Mount Argus we are designating the side door (ramp door) of the church as the **Door of Mercy** as it brings you into the church near the Shrine of St. Charles, our own saint who exercised God's mercy in his ministry of healing, hope and reconciliation. A short service at the 11am Family Mass this Sunday 13th December will inaugurate this. Perhaps you might use this door now and again throughout the year to enter the church.

"May all who pass through this door experience, O Father, your abundant mercy"

Year of Mercy Envelopes

You can open **your own door of mercy** to mark this Jubilee Year. A special illustrated Mercy envelope has been prepared which includes two copies of the Year of Mercy Logo; you can place the larger one on a door or window to show that your home is a place where all who enter will meet a face of mercy, and the smaller one on a car to let people know that a Jubilee of Mercy is being celebrated and that you are making this journey; also a letter from the Archbishop and a bookmark explores the theme of mercy. These are available at the back of the church to take one if you wish.

"Be merciful, even as your Father is Merciful"

Fr. Frank Trias CP

This weekend we pray for Fr. Frank Trias who is being ordained a Passionist Priest in the Passionist Church of St. Mungo's in Glasgow and celebrating his first Mass in his home parish of St. Andrew's in Glasgow. **Next Sunday, 20th December**, Fr. Frank will celebrate his first Mass here in Mount Argus @ 11am, after which he will impart his first blessing on those who wish to receive it.

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will take place in the upper room **next Sunday 20th December** after the 11am Family Mass. This replaces the coffee morning on the last Sunday of the month as that will be St. Stephen's Day. This will be an opportunity to congratulate Fr. Frank Trias on his ordination

Parish Envelopes 2016

For those who didn't collect their parish envelopes last weekend, please note that they can now be collected from the **monastery reception**. We are inviting people to provide their name and address to match their envelope number, but if you prefer your contribution to be anonymous that is absolutely fine too.

Cake Sale

The World Youth Day Group will be holding a cake sale at the back of the church **after the 11am Family Mass next Sunday 20th December**. You can buy some lovely cakes and at the same time support our young people working hard to get to Krakow.

Mount Sackville Service

Mount Sackville School will be using the church for a Service of *"Nine Lessons and Carols"* next Thursday 17th December @ 12 noon (*rehearsal from 11am – Confessions as normal*).

Senior Citizens Party

The Annual **Senior Citizens Party** takes place this Sunday 13th December, beginning at 2pm in the Community Centre. Thanks to all who organized it & to SuperValu for their help.