

**Collections: Week ending:
13th December 2015**

€1,648 (of which €250 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: €130.50

**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:

**Carmel Morrin
Sarah Richards**

Rest in Peace

SVP Christmas Appeal

The SVP Christmas Appeal last weekend raised €8,143 that will enable the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas. Some donations also came in afterwards. The SVP would like to thank you for your generosity and support at all times but especially for this recent appeal.

Christmas Confessions

Confessions usual days & times until Christmas Eve when Confessions will be continuous from 9am to 6pm.

Christmas Masses

Thursday 24th December @
6.15pm Vigil (Folk Mass)

Thursday 24th December @
9pm (Mass of the Nativity)
(Blessing of the Crib:

Choir/Carols from 8.30pm)

Friday 25th December @
8.00am Dawn (Quiet Mass)

Friday 25th December @
11.00am – Day Mass
*(Family Mass with
Children's Nativity Play)*

**No Evening Mass on
Christmas Day**

***Please check your Advent
and Christmas leaflet and
the notice board for the
post- Christmas schedule.***

Eucharistic Adoration

As & from 9th December, Eucharistic Adoration will finish Wednesdays @ 6pm until further notice.

Mount Argus Door of Mercy

In Mount Argus we have designated 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, a saint who exercised God's mercy in his ministry of healing, hope and reconciliation. Perhaps you might use this door now and again throughout the Jubilee Year of Mercy to enter the church.

Fr. Frank Trias CP

Fr. Frank Trias was ordained a Passionist Priest in the Passionist Church of St. Mungo's, Glasgow, last Sunday and celebrated his first Mass in his home parish of St. Andrew's. **This Sunday, 20th**

December, Fr. Frank celebrates 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 **this 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.

Cake Sale

The World Youth Day will be holding a cake sale at the back of the church **after the 11am Family Mass this Sunday 20th December**. In one swoop you can buy some lovely cakes and at the same time support our young people going to Krakow.

Goal Mile Event

A **Goal Mile Event** will take place on Christmas morning in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Sundrive Road to raise funds for the 3rd world charity GOAL. Races will be staged between 10:30 and 12 noon. This is a family friendly event to help give you an appetite for the turkey & ham!

2016 Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars for 2016 are available on the tables at the back of the church. Please take one.

Office Hours

Please check notice on monastery door for office opening hours over Christmas & New Year.

Christmas Safety

Community Garda Tony Byrne has asked me to pass on some safety tips for Christmas. The message is **"If you love it lock up and light up!** At home or going out: turn on lights; use timer switches; lock doors & windows; set alarms if you have them; store keys away from windows and letter boxes & don't keep large amounts of cash or jewelry at home. Inform a friend or neighbour if you will be absent for a period of time. If socializing be aware of who you are with at all times; take care with alcohol; drink responsibly. Travel home safely; avoid walking home alone. Be extra careful of pickpockets in crowded areas. **Never, ever, drink and drive.** Garda Tony would like to wish all Mount Argus parishioners a very happy and safe Christmas and every good wish for 2016. We wish him the same and thank him for his constant support and concern.

Parish Envelopes

For those who haven't yet collected their parish envelopes, please note that they can now be collected from the monastery reception. You may provide your name and address or not as you wish.