

**Collections: Week ending:
3rd January 2016**

€5,682 (3 weeks - of which €750 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: (No Count)

Standing Orders: €330 (Approx.)

Christmas Collection: €5,173

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:

**Mary Gough
Cora Thornton
Peter O'Neill
Richard Murphy
John Donnelly
Ita Keavney**

Rest in Peace

Ordinary Time

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings the Church's Christmas Season to an end. This Monday 11th January begins the 1st Week in Ordinary Time. For those who follow Mass with a Daily or Sunday Missal the Weekday Readings are **Cycle 2** and the Sunday Readings are **Cycle C**.

Migrants and Refugees

Next **Sunday 17th January** will be the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We remember in a special way the great suffering of refugees at this time, but also we remember our own family members who have emigrated or family members we have left behind in other countries.

Family Ministry/Children's Liturgy

Our Family Ministry Team will recommence the Children's Liturgy next **Sunday 17th January** @ the 11am Family Mass. A full schedule of dates will be posted on the (red) Family Ministry Notice Board at the back of the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has now resumed on Wednesdays and Fridays from after the 10am Mass until 6pm.

Thank You

A word of thanks to all those who worked so hard in the preparation and celebration of Advent and Christmas: to our environment group for the displays, banners, crib, tree, flowers, candles, and all the other bits and pieces that enhanced the journey so much; to our faithful band of cleaners for looking after the Church with loving care; to the Folk Group, Cantors, Youth Ensemble, children's choir, combined choirs and organists for the wonderful music; to our readers; Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, welcome team, car park attendants, collectors and counters, sacristan, altar society; Civil Defense, and all who exercised their ministries in a whole variety of ways. Also to the Passionist Community who celebrated Masses and heard confessions, including our new priest, Fr. Frank Trias; and to those frailer community members who prayed with us and for us; also to those who prepared, printed, copied, folded and distributed leaflets for the various services, among those Kitty, who cut out by hand each leaf for the November prayer tree – 1477 of them, which were then placed near to the crib for blessing. As always, everything is made so much easier by the faithfulness, commitment and enthusiasm of so many.

Aine Mulvey/Musical Director

A special word of thanks is due to Aine Mulvey, who sadly is moving on from us now. This was Aine's last Christmas with us as musical director; the good news is that having been part of the music here in Mount Argus since childhood Aine hopes to continue to make her contribution as a cantor whenever possible. She has done an absolutely wonderful job and we thank her and wish her well for the future. A process is underway to find a successor so that there can be as seamless a transition as possible. We thank all our singers and musicians for the wonderful contribution they make to the liturgy in Mount Argus.

Parish Envelopes

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

Cake Sale

The World Youth Day Cake Sale the Sunday before Christmas raised a magnificent €690. We thank you most sincerely for your kind and generous support of these great young people.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga with Sarah: classes start in the Community Centre on **Thursday 14th January** from 11.am to 12 noon. Get fit gently for 2016. **Cost €4 per class.** All welcome

Men's Confraternity

The Men's Confraternity will meet on next **Tuesday 12th January at 8pm** in the monastery. New members welcome.

Parish Ministry Meetings

As a new year gets underway the *Community Centre Committee* will meet on Monday 11th January @ 8pm; and the *Liturgy Group* on Tuesday 12th January @ 8.15pm. The *Pastoral Council* met last Wednesday 6th January.