

**Collections: Week ending:
17th January 2016**

€1,778 (of which €250 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: €273

**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:

Esther Mulpeter

Rest in Peace

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to an end on Monday 25th January 2016; Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will meet in the monastery next **Tuesday 26th January from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, and again on Thursday 28th January from 10.45am to 11.45am.** They are a listening ear for those who would like to talk to someone about their loss and the service is strictly confidential. You can just come along or contact **Jean at 086 129 7593** if you wish further information.

World Day of the Sick

The Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick is on **Sunday 7th February at 3.00 pm** in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Merrion Road. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. The theme for this year, embracing the Jubilee of Mercy, is *Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: "Do whatever he tells you"* (Jn 2:5).

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee morning will take place in the Upper Room next **Sunday 31st January after the 11am Family Mass.** All welcome.

Mount Argus Music Director

Mount Argus is in the process of advertising for a new Music Director to replace Aine Mulvey. We're very keen to get the message out to as wide a community as possible, so if you're aware of suitable people who might be interested please let us know. Or you might approach and encourage anyone to apply that you think might be a good candidate. Aine has kindly agreed to participate on the panel to recruit the new director. It may take a little time to get a replacement, and in the interim period, Mary O'Brien has agreed to step up and fill in any needed gaps as the central contact person. Like Aine, Mary has a long association with music in Mount Argus from a young age and has very strong liturgical, musical and administrative skills. We thank her for her generosity in stepping into the breach. In the meantime the music ministry will continue as normal with the **Family Choir** reassembling this **Sunday 24th January at 10am** in the Church for the **11am Family Mass.**

Congratulations Claire

Congratulations to our young singer/welcomer Claire Gregg who, at the recent BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS, won the RTE Award for the overall best project in Social and Behavioral Sciences, as well as getting first place in her category. The title of Claire's project is *"An Analysis of Obesity in Ireland Using Agent-Based Modelling"*. Claire goes to school at Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green. We are very proud of you Claire – well done!

St. Brigid's Crosses

After the 11am Family Mass **next Sunday 31st January**, in the middle room, Aisling and Claire Gregg will demonstrate the making of St. Brigid's Crosses. Leonard Breslin will provide the rushes - and all are welcome.

Monthly Healing Mass

The monthly Healing Mass in honour of St. Charles of Mount Argus will take place next **Saturday 30th January at 11am.** All are welcome.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2016 will run from next **Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February.** The theme is *"Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy"*.

Close of Year of Consecrated Life

A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion, on **Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30 pm.** All welcome.

Ash Wednesday/40

Hours Adoration

Just to forewarn you that Ash Wednesday is on **February 10th.** As ever in Mount Argus we will have the **40 Hours Adoration** from after the 10am Mass ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8.00pm. On **Thursday 11th February** (*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World day of the Sick*), the **40 Hours Adoration** will resume from after the 10am Mass ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8.00pm.