

**Collections: Week ending:
31st January 2016**

€1,786 (of which €250 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: €256

**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:

**Pat Carey
Brian Gallagher
Patrick Kavanagh**

Rest in Peace

SVP Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection outside the church after all Masses this weekend *6th/7th February.*

Men's Confraternity

The Men's Confraternity will meet on next *Tuesday 9th February at 8pm* in the monastery. New members welcome.

Music Director

A number of quality applications were received for the post of Music Director. We now begin a process of interview and discernment to find the right person for Mount Argus.

Accord

The Accord Dublin Annual Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend *13th/14th February.* In Mount Argus this will be taken up as an Exit Collection. Accord offers marriage preparation courses; counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, and a relation and sexuality programme in schools. Please give generously.

Temperance

A quotation for this day of prayer for Temperance: *"There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less."* (G.K. Chesterton)

Lent 2016

Lent begins next *Wednesday 10th February.* A booklet containing all the Mass, service and special event times is available on the tables at the back of the Church.

**Please note there is an extra Mass during Lent on weekdays at 7am.*

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 try to join us for this closing prayer and benediction with meditation each evening and begin Lent in a reflective spirit.

40 Hours Adoration "Chart"

To ensure there is always someone praying before the Blessed sacrament a chart will be placed at the back of the Church and you are invited to please fill in your name at the hour of your choice.

Lenten Prayer Tree

Crosses may be hung on our Lenten prayer tree from Ash Wednesday 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 for Trocaire

There will be soup n' Roll in the Community Centre on *Ash Wednesday from 11am to 1.00pm* for anyone who would like to have a light lunch and make a small contribution to Trocaire – all welcome.

Day of the Sick

The World Day of the Sick 2015 is next Thursday 11th February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is *"Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary."*

Lenten Trocaire Boxes

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

Message for Lent

In his message for Lent 2016 Pope Francis has asked us to live Lent more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. He said: "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner;
Instruct the ignorant;
Counsel the doubtful;
Comfort the sorrowful;
Bear wrongs patiently;
Forgive all injuries; Pray for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Shelter the homeless; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead.