

**Collections: Week ending:
8th May 2016**

**€2,006 (of which €250 to
Share)**

Par. Envs. €448.50 (2 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:**

**William Duggan
Margaret McBride
Julia O'Connor**

Rest in Peace

Crosscare Youth Services

The annual collection for Crosscare Youth Services will take place at all Masses **this weekend 14th/15th May**. In Mount Argus this will be an Exit Collection.

WYD Fun Quiz

A Fun Pub Quiz is taking place in **McGowan's on next Thursday 19th May beginning @ 8pm**. Why not get a table together and join us and keep on supporting our young people? There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes and a great night will be had by all. Petition cards for the WYD group to bring to Krakow are still available.

Passionist Vocations

A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 10 June and concluding with lunch on Sunday, 12 June. Anyone interested should contact Father Paul Francis CP at passionistvocations@gmail.com

May Rosary

The Rosary is being said at the statue on Priory Road at **5.30pm on Thursday evenings** during May. Anyone welcome to join us.

Triduum of Hope

This year's Triduum of Hope will take place from **Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June** and in this Jubilee of mercy will focus on St. Charles as an instrument of God's Mercy. **Morning Mass will be at 10am** each day, celebrated by Fr. Paul Francis Spencer CP. The **Evening Service will be at 7.30pm** when Fr. Frank Keevins CP and the Mount Argus Spirituality Team will lead us each night in prayerful reflection and symbolic action. The annual **Mass for the Sick** with the Sacrament of Anointing will take place on **Saturday 28th May at 11am** when the main celebrant will be Fr. Frank Trias CP and other priests will be there to anoint the sick.

Tree of Hope

Last year we had a special planting of a Tree of Hope in the Passion Garden, below the Calvary on the Sunday before the Triduum of Hope. The Tree of Hope was planted as a symbol to all affected by suicide or who are living with mental health issues such as depression, to show we care for and support them. Just so we know this was not a one-off event and that we continue to remember and pray, we invite anyone who wishes to join us to assemble at the Passion Garden **after the 11am Mass on next Sunday 22nd May** for a blessing of remembrance.

Work4All AGM

The Work4All AGM will take place in the upper room beginning **7.30pm on this Monday 16th May**. All are welcome and we will invite membership on the night (nominal membership fee €1) for those who may wish to support this worthy project.

Where in the world?

As presented by our Pastoral Council members at Masses last weekend; a world map will appear in the church this weekend **Sunday 14th/15th May** (Pentecost) with an invitation to people from other countries and cultures to place a coloured pin and indicate where in the world they come from so we can properly find ways to welcome and celebrate the richness and diversity of our parish; green pins will be reserved for loved ones from Ireland who have gone abroad; so we can create a link with them too.

Church Kneelers

Work will begin soon to re-upholster all of the church kneelers and to fit upholstered seat padding to the front-centre section of the church. From time to time certain sections of the church will be cordoned off while work is taking place which we hope will not inconvenience you too much. Once work begins we expect it to take about 2 weeks to complete and there is no doubt the church will be enhanced by this project, both in terms of comfort and beauty. The sanctuary seating will also be re-upholstered to match the church seating and the kneelers. Damaged nuts and bolts will also be replaced.

Easter Dues

Easter Dues to date amount to €3,220. Many thanks to those who contributed. Written acknowledgements have been sent to those who ticked the box but our gratitude goes out to all

Ecumenical Bible Week

The Ecumenical Bible week begins this Sunday and runs from **15th – 22nd May**. There are 45 events taking place in 13 different locations with over 40 presenters. Focus on "*Care of our Common Home*". Full schedule viewed at www.bibleweek.ie.