

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

€1,778
(Crosscare Youth: €855)

Par. Envs. (No Count)

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:

Our deceased loved ones

Rest in Peace

First Communion

At the 11am Family Mass next Sunday 29th May, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will celebrate the First Communion of Veronica Danova and Alexander Antonica Chukwudi with whom we have been journeying since last September. ***We also want to celebrate with all the children who come to Mount Argus with their families who have made either First Communion or Confirmation this year;*** and we also hope to commission three young people who have recently become Eucharistic Ministers.

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee morning will take place in the Upper Room next Sunday 29th May after 11am Family Mass. This includes a celebration with the 1st Communion and Confirmation children. All are welcome.

Passionist Vocations

A retreat for young men interested in knowing about life as a priest or brother in the Passionists will be held at the Passionist Monastery, 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 @ passionistvocations@gmail.com

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, 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 this Sunday 22nd May** for a blessing of remembrance.

Where in the world?

Last Sunday people from other countries were invited to place a red pin into a map to indicate where in the world they come from to help us find ways to welcome and celebrate the richness and diversity of our parish; green pins were used for loved ones from Ireland who have gone abroad; so we can create a link with them too. If you didn't get the chance to place your pin we will offer other opportunities before we propose the next step.

Bethany Group

There will be a meeting of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group next **Thursday 26th May from 10.45am until 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. Come along or contact Jean at 086 129 7593 if you wish further information.

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.

Hospice Sunflower Days

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross & Blackrock are in urgent need of your help for their Sunflower Days 10th & 11th June. If you could donate an hour or two of your time to lend a hand selling Sunflower pins to help raise funds on our national collection day, please contact Ann or Imelda on: 01 4911072 or fundraising@ohl.ie Thanks.

Special Collection

World Meeting of Families **next Sunday 28th/29th May**