

**Collections: Week ending
25th August 2016**

*€2,191 (of which €250 went
to Share)*

Par. Envs: (No count)

*Standing Orders etc:
€350 (Approx)*

Day for Life

The annual day for life is celebrated this Sunday 1st/ 2nd October. The theme this year will be “*The Wonder of Human Life in Our Common Home*”, based on Pope Francis’s recent document ‘Laudato Si’. **Copies of the Irish Bishops’ Pastoral letter are available at the back of the Church.** Here is a prayer to deepen our wonder at the gift of life from ‘Laudato Si’:

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen

Public Rosary

The Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady on Priory Road next **Thursday 6th October @ 5pm**, and the on every Thursday @ 5pm during October, the month of the Rosary. All are welcome to come and pray with them.

SVP Collection

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place outside the church after all Masses next weekend, **8th/9th October.**

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.*

Fr. Frank’s ‘Thank You’ (extract)

Mount Argus is a very special place that draws very special people in a whole variety of ways. I came here in what were, and indeed continue to be difficult times for the church in Ireland, but when I introduced myself at Masses on the 20th & 21st of January 2001, I resolved that with Christ at the centre we could rise above the difficulties, the disillusionments, the disappointments and the tears, and enjoy a deep and enriching journey of faith together, and that, for me at least, has certainly been the case. I look back on special celebrations like the 150th anniversary of the Passionists in Mount Argus and in Ireland in 2006; and the Canonization of St. Charles on 3rd June 2007, and I think what a blessing it was to have been rector and parish priest for those occasions; and then to have still been parish priest in 2014 for the wonderful celebrations for the 40th anniversary of Mount Argus Parish, and all these special occasions were carried by the extraordinary devotion and efforts of so many helpers and volunteers. Those are just a few of the special occasions which provide extraordinary memories; but it isn’t primarily about the special occasions, it’s more about the day in, day out; week in, week out co-operation and collaboration with so many others, done in such a good spirit, that made this role a joy and a delight to hold; and it’s about the celebrations of Sundays, and in a special way of Christmases and Easters together, to hold Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection in our hearts, I just want to thank, very sincerely, each and every one of you who has played any part in this journey for the past 16 years, everyone in the 30+ groups of ministers and volunteers; everyone who comes here to worship; the children whom I’ve watched grow into young adults and the children now who are blossoming; the people of many nationalities; everyone in the Passionist Community over those years; all who strove to build a parish *where all will feel welcome; where everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts; and where people and priests work together to build a community of faith and compassion.* Parish Priests can come and go, but faithful people will always keep it together. I know we won’t forget each other; the sentiments; the good wishes; the kindnesses that I have received since my departure was announced, have been overwhelming; so let’s just remember each other fondly and above all let’s pray for each other, and let’s keep Christ firmly at the centre, always. **Thank you...**

(full text on parish website www.mountargusparish.ie)

Kindly remember the recently deceased:

Aidan Lonergan

May he rest in peace

Vigil Mass Music

Plans are underway for a new music group to be established for the Saturday 6.15pm Vigil Mass. It is hoped that this group will be ready to begin on the **1st Sunday of Advent, 26th November**, the same Sunday that the Folk Group began 40 years ago.

Grow

Grow Community Mental Health Movement meets **every Monday at 7pm in MA Community Centre**, 179 Lower Kimmage Road Dublin 6W. If you are lonely, isolated or stressed, why not come learn a practical psychology of mental health. Contact Leo **086 8033124**

Fr. Paul Francis

Fr. Paul Francis Spencer CP, our new Parish Priest, hopes to address the parish, and all who come here to worship, at all Masses next weekend, 8th/9th October.

World Missions Ireland

The National Day of Prayer for Children takes place on **Friday 14th October.** Organized by the Society for Missionary Children, the occasion gives children a good opportunity to think of, pray for, and share with those children who are less fortunate than themselves. For further information please visit www.wmi.ie