

**Collections: Weekend of
3/4 December 2016
€1,812**

Par. Envs: €392 (2 weeks)

**Standing Orders etc:
€350 (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.*

**Kindly remember the
recently deceased:**

**Thomas Byrne
Vincent Tilson
Luke Martin Tierney**

May they rest in peace

SVP Christmas Appeal

At all Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak and to make the annual Christmas Appeal, enabling the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas. The Appeal Collection will be a retiring collection, taken up at the back of the Church after Mass.

Community Centre Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will take place in the Mount Argus Community Centre today (Sunday) at 2.00 pm.

Parish Envelopes 2017

For those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes we will make envelopes for 2017 available at all Masses next weekend (17/18 December). With the new charity regulations, we invite those who use the envelopes to keep the same number they had last year and to provide their name and address when collecting their envelopes. Those who prefer their envelope contribution to remain an anonymous donation are free to do so.

2017 Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars for 2017 are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one.

Ordination Golden Jubilee

At the 6.15 Vigil Mass on Saturday, 17 December, Fr Patrick Rogers CP, of the Mount Argus religious community, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee (50 years) of ordained priesthood. The guest preacher for the Jubilee will be our Provincial, Fr James Sweeney CP. The rector, Fr Bernard, invites as many as possible of our parishioners and friends to share in this special Mass and sermon for Fr Patrick's Jubilee. All are welcome to join us for refreshments afterwards in the atrium of the monastery.

Masses for Christmas

This year, we celebrate Christmas Day on a Sunday. On Christmas Eve, 24 December, there will be Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm, and the Mass of the Nativity at 9.00 pm, with Carols from 8.30 pm and the Blessing of the Crib before the Mass. On Christmas Day, the Dawn Mass will be at 8.00 am and the Day Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am. (This will be the Family Mass with the Children's Nativity Play.) Please note that **there will be no 4.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 25 December.**

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat will be held at the Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from 16 to 18 December. The age group for the retreat is 16 to 35 years of age. ID is required. The retreat includes inspiring talks, live music, drama, workshops and a chance to meet new friends, with Mass, prayer and reconciliation. The retreat is funded by donations only. For more information or to register online for the retreat, go to www.youth2000.ie
Tel: (01) 6753690.
Email: office@youth2000.ie
Facebook: youth 2000 ireland

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who responded to the Diocesan Appeal for the Crosscare Food Banks last Sunday.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service will take place today (Sunday) at 7.30 pm in the Church. Please do try to join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our preparation for Christmas.

Reconciliation Service

Our Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Novena Mass on Saturday of this week, 17 December. Confessions for Christmas will be at the usual times until Christmas Eve when confessions will be continuous from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Parish Choir

The Mount Argus Parish Choir is rehearsing for Christmas on Saturday evenings from 7.30 until 9.00 in the Upper Room. New members (over 18s only) are welcome.

Mount Argus Community Centre Lotto Results

Jackpot not won this month
Winners of €50 prizes:
1. No. 02498
2. No. 02158
3. No. 02083

Men's Confraternity

The monthly meeting of the men's branch of the Confraternity of the Passion will take place in the Monastery on Tuesday, 13 December at 8.00 pm. New members are welcome.