

**Collections: Weekend of
10/11 December 2016
€2,068**

Par. Envs: €115

**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:**

**Luke Martin Tierney
Olive Murphy**

May they rest in peace

SVP Christmas Appeal

A big word of thanks to all who supported the annual Christmas Appeal from our local Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul last Sunday. The total amount contributed at Mount Argus was €12,155, which was an increase of about €4,000 on last year's appeal. This will enable the SVP to assist those in our locality who are most in need this Christmas. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity.

2017 Parish Calendars

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

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 this 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.

Carol Service

We celebrated a beautiful, prayerful Carol Service last Sunday. Sincere thanks go to all who were involved.

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.**

Christmas Confessions

Confessions this week in preparation for Christmas will be at the usual times until Christmas Eve (Saturday) when confessions will be continuous from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. After that, there will be no confession heard in the church until Saturday, 7 January when normal confession times will resume.

Mass Times after Christmas

26 December (St Stephen's Day): 11.00 am
27-30 December: 10.00 am
31 December (Saturday): 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)
1 January (Sunday): 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm
2 January (Bank Holiday): 11.00 am
3-4 January: 10.00 am
5 January: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)
6 January (Epiphany): 10.00 am, 6.15 pm
7 January (Saturday): 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)
From Saturday, 7 January, normal times for Mass and Confession will resume.

Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Charles on Thursday, 5 January with Mass at 10.00 am. In preparation for the Feast, there will be a "Transitus" Vigil of Prayer at the Tomb of Saint Charles on Wednesday evening, 4 January, at 7.30. The Vigil will include Readings about the life and death of Saint Charles, a candle-lighting ceremony at the Tomb, Hymns and Prayers for Healing. We are very blessed at Mount Argus to have our own saint, Saint Charles, who celebrated Mass, heard confessions and blessed the sick in this church, and intercedes for those who need healing and hope today.

Bethany Bereavement

There will be no meetings of the Mount Argus Bethany Bereavement Support Group in December. Normal meetings will resume in January 2017.

Christmas Run for Goal

A GOAL MILE event will take place on Christmas morning in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Sundrive Road, to raise funds for the charity GOAL and its work in developing countries. Races will be staged between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. This is a family friendly event to give you an appetite for the turkey & ham. Father Frank Trias hopes to take part!!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Our usual Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday and Friday of this week, from 10.30 am until 6.00 pm. Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the church during the Christmas and New Year period. Eucharistic Adoration will resume after the 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday, 11 January.

Office Hours

Please check the notice on the monastery door for office opening hours over the Christmas and the New Year holidays.