

Collections:
Weekend of
24/25 December 2016
€5,461
Weekend of 31 December
2016/ 1 January 2017
€1,831

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:

Esther Buckley
Jesha Lou Billaver
Frank Murray

May they rest in peace

Parish Envelopes 2017

For those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes, new envelopes for 2017 are available for collection at the reception desk in the monastery. 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.

Mount Argus Finances

Thank you to all who support Mount Argus financially throughout the year. For your information, on the notice board at the back of the Church, there is a notice which gives a breakdown of how the finances are managed at Mount Argus.

Lumen Centre

Courses at Lumen
Dominican Centre, Sion Hill
Campus, Blackrock, Co.
Dublin are commencing on
27 January 2017. Information
leaflets are available at the
back of the Church and
online at
www.dominicansisters.com
Phone: 01 288 2075. Email:
info@lumenop.ie

Saint Charles of Mount Argus

Last Thursday, 5 January, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus, our own Saint who offered Mass, heard confessions and blessed the sick for many years in this Church. This year, 2017, we will celebrate the tenth anniversary of his canonisation. When Saint Charles was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 3 June 2007, he was hailed as “A New Saint for Ireland”, since although he was born in the Netherlands, most of his life as a priest was spent in Ireland.

Here is an extract from a letter written by Saint Charles to his family:

“How necessary prayer is in order to practise all the virtues in their perfection. The lives of the saints show us that prayer was always their chief occupation. Yes, King David, a man burdened with the responsibilities of a great kingdom, tells us that it was prayer which inflamed his heart with such great love of God and heavenly things; we can admire this in his psalms. How greatly has God loved us! He did not spare his only Son but abandoned him to death, even death on the Cross. Jesus Christ urges us to pray; but how? Ask, seek and knock. It is for this reason that the Lord has said: ‘Watch and pray; lest you fall into temptation’.”

The book of Saint Charles’s letters to his family is on sale at the reception desk in the monastery. The title is “**Dear Brothers and Sisters**”.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30 am until 6.00 pm resumes this week.

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, 10 January at 8.00 pm. New members are welcome.

Mount Argus Prayer Groups:

The Lectio Divina group meets in the monastery every Tuesday at 10.30 am. The Men’s Spirituality Group meets in the monastery on Tuesday evenings at 8.00. The Charismatic Prayer group meets in the monastery every Thursday evening at 8.00.

Monthly Meetings

The Liturgy Committee meets in the monastery on Tuesday of this week. The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the monastery on Wednesday evening.