Collection: Weekend of 18/19 November 2017 €1.767

Par. Envs: €455 (3 Weeks)

Standing Orders etc: €350 (Approx)

# Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Mount Argus Parish Choir will rehearse for the Christmas Services on Saturdays at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

## **Mount Argus Community Centre Sale of Work**

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Mount Argus Community Centre's annual Sale of Work. All proceeds go towards upkeep of the Community Centre.

#### **Irish Volunteers Mass**

A Requiem Mass for members of the Fourth Battalion, Irish Volunteers will be celebrated in Mount Argus today (Sunday, 26 November) at 7.00 pm.

## Trócaire Christmas Gala Concert

Tickets are available at the monastery reception desk for a Christmas Gala Concert in aid of Trócaire which will be held in Mount Argus on Sunday, 3 December at 7.30 pm. See the poster on the notice board for more information.

The Dublin Diocesan Advent Service, with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, takes place this year in St Gabriel's Church, St Gabriel's Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3 on Saturday, 2 December at 4 pm. The service is an invitation to prepare for Advent as a Family.

# 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.

#### **Crosscare Food Collection**

The annual Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal will take place next weekend, 2-3 December. Crosscare has identified items that are most needed at this time. These include Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Soups, Tinned Meats, Seasonal Biscuits, Cleaning Products. These can be brought to the church next Sunday. See the poster at the back of the Church for information.

#### A Message from Father Frank Trias CP

That's the new priest, with the dyed hair and runners.' 'Don't worry, we'll say a novena for him!' One of my first overheard conversations in the car park on arriving at Mount Argus reassured me that the people were praying for their priests! Ana as I prepare to leave I can say that the continued support and prayer has most likely been the sustaining grace that has accompanied my work and time here. As a foreigner I can say as an outsider that despite its long history, St Paul's Retreat is but bricks and mortar and re-wording the current slogan for Glasgow city back home, 'People Make Mount Argus'. As we have seen with the 'old monastery' and as history teaches us, buildings will come and go and so it is with people, they come and go. So, I encourage you to continue building on the foundation that is the Christian community of Harold's Cross and Mount Argus.

A big Thank You to everyone who has befriended, prayed, encouraged and supported me and please continue to keep me in your prayers.

A special Thank You to the wonderful young adults who have come to Mount Argus and whom I have got to know through ministry working with the Diocese of Dublin, especially for helping keep me youthful, and remember 'Don't be energy vampires!' And so they might not need the runners and their hair is naturally white, but continue to support and pray for the wonderful community of Mount Argus who have given their lives to the service of God's people. God Bless, Fr. Frank Trias

## Prepare the Way of the Lord with Isaiah

Advent services will take place in the Pro-Cathedral on three Wednesdays (29 November, 6 and 13 December) from 11.15 am to 12.30 pm. Rediscover the beauty of being together along the way.

Kindly remember the recently deceased:

John Sullivan

May he rest in peace

### 'Goodbye' to Fr Frank

We say goodbye to Fr Frank at the Coffee Morning after the 11.00 am Mass today (Sunday). For more information about Fr Frank's new community at Minsteracres, go to www.minsteracres.org

## "Light up a Life"

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross "Light up a Life" event with Guest of Honour Daniel O'Donnell will take place on Sunday, 26 November at 3.45 pm. You can sponsor a light at www.lightupalife.ie The Hospice also requires volunteer stewards for the day. Call 01-4911072 if you can help. Thank you for your support over past 25 years.

## **Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will meet in the monastery on Tuesday, 28 November from 7.30 to 8.30 pm, and again on Thursday, 30 November from 10.45 to 11.45 am. They are a listening ear for those who would like to talk to someone about their loss and the service is strictly confidential. You can just come along or contact Jean on 086 129 7593 if you wish further information.