

**Collection: Weekend of
16/17 December 2017
€867**

Par. Envs: €701 (4 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:**

**Gabrielle Dowling
Maureen Ronan
Annie Kelly**

May they rest in peace

Mount Argus Calendars

Copies of our 2018 Mount Argus Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one.

Capuchin Day Centre

Our thanks to all who took part in the beautiful Carol Service last Sunday. The collection which was taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre came to €547. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Parish Envelopes 2018

Those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes can collect the new envelopes for 2018 at 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.

Monastery Office Hours

These are our office hours for Christmas and the New Year:
Christmas Day: Closed
St Stephen's Day: Closed
27- 29 December: 9.30-1.00
30 December: 9.30-1.00
31 December: 10.00-1.00
1 January: Closed
2 January: 9.30-1.00.
Normal office hours resume on 3 January 2018.

Times of Masses for Christmas

This year, we celebrate Christmas Day on a Monday. On Christmas Eve, 24 December, there will be the usual Sunday Masses at 8.00 am, 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, there will also be the Vigil Mass of Christmas 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 evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Mass Times after Christmas

26 December (St Stephen's Day): 11.00 am
27-29 December: 10.00 am
30 December (Saturday): 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)
31 December (Sunday): 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm
1 January (New Year's Day): 11.00 am
2 January: 11.00 am
Normal Mass times will resume on 3 January.

Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Charles on Friday, 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 Thursday 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.

World Peace Day

The World Day of Peace will be celebrated in the Dublin Diocese at a special Mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, on Monday, 1 January 2018 at 11.00 am. The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is "Migrants and Refugees – Men and Women in Search of Peace", The 11.00 am Mass in Mount Argus on 1 January will be offered for the intention of World Peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

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, 10 January.

Confession Times

There will be no confessions in the church on Sunday, 24 December. After that, there will be no confessions heard in the church until Saturday, 6 January when normal confession times will resume.

Bethany Bereavement

There will be no meetings of the Mount Argus Bethany Bereavement Support Group in December. Normal meetings will resume in January 2018.

Icon for the World

Meeting of Families
Copies of the WMF Icon will be available on Christmas Day (one copy per household).

What is the World Meeting of Families?

From 21 to 26 August 2018, Dublin will be host to the World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis hopes to come to Dublin for this event. For more information, go to worldmeeting2018.ie