

**Collection: Weekend of
2/3 December 2017
€1,627**

**Standing Orders etc:
€350 (Approx)**

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

There will be no Parish Choir rehearsal on Saturday, 9 December. The Choir's final rehearsal for Christmas will be on Saturday, 16 December from 12.30 to 2.30 pm.

Mount Argus Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will take place in the Church next Sunday, 17 December, at 8.00 pm. Leaflets with information about the Carol Service are available at the back of the Church. Please take some and pass them on to family and friends. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre. Please do try to join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our preparation for Christmas.

St Louis High School

Christmas Fair will take place today (Sunday, 10 December) from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. Wheel of Fortune, Crepes, Coffee Shop, Bric-a-Brac, Santa, Christmas gifts. All are welcome.

Scripture Talks in Advent

by Fr Wilfrid Harrington OP on "An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark" in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght on Wednesdays, 13 and 20 December at 7.30 pm. The cost is €12 per session.

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:**

Marie McEwan

May she rest in peace

St Vincent de Paul 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.

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: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.15 pm; 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Report

The Parish Council met last Wednesday. In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, which will be held in August 2018, the Parish Council will set up a group to co-ordinate our parish's preparation for the event. As registration for the World Meeting of Families is to be done online, we also want to provide technical support for those parishioners who are not used to websites and computers. The Council discussed changes in Data Protection requirements in Ireland and how we can best respond to these. We also looked at ways of inviting those who come to Mount Argus to register with the parish or to volunteer for the various parish ministries, groups and activities. In the New Year there will be opportunities for new volunteers to take part in safeguarding training sessions and for existing volunteers to update their training, beginning with a full day of training in February for those working directly with children and vulnerable adults in the parish. Some time was also spent looking at our aims for the general meeting of parishioners which will be held early next year.

Thank You

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

Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Novena Mass on Saturday of this week, 16 December. Confessions for Christmas will be at the usual times until Saturday, 23 December when Confessions will be from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 10 December 2017 in the Community Centre at 2.00 pm. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Catherine Healy, Derbhil Johnson or the Community Centre.

Men's Confraternity

The Men's Branch of the Confraternity of the Passion will meet on Tuesday, 12 December at 8.00 pm in the monastery. New members welcome.

Mount Argus Community Centre Lotto Results

Jackpot not won this month
Winners of €50 prizes:

1. No. 03229
2. No. 03001
3. No. 03005