

<p>Collection: Weekend of 9/10 December 2017 €1,136</p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception €790</p> <p>Standing Orders etc: €350 (Approx)</p>	<p>MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p><i>Our mission is to be a living parish where</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All will feel welcome</i> • <i>Everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts</i> • <i>People and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.</i> 	<p>Kindly remember the recently deceased:</p> <p>Maura McSweeney James Murphy Margaret Wilkes</p> <p>May they rest in peace</p>
<p>Mount Argus Calendars Copies of our 2018 Mount Argus Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Senior Citizens' Christmas Party Sincere thanks to all who helped with our Christmas Party last Sunday.</p>
<p>Advent Carol Service Our annual Carol Service will take place in the Church today (Sunday, 17 December) at 8.00 pm. 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.</p>	<p>Christmas Confessions Confessions this week in preparation for Christmas will be at the usual times until Saturday, 24 December when confessions will be from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm. 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.</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal A big "Thank You" to all who contributed to last week's annual Christmas Appeal on behalf of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference. The total collected was €13,709. This will enable the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas.</p>
<p>Parish Envelopes 2018 For those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes we will make envelopes for 2018 available at all Masses this weekend. 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.</p>	<p>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 (Bank Holiday): 11.00 am Normal Mass times will resume on 3 January.</p>	<p>Icon for the World Meeting of Families Copies of the WMF Icon will be available on Christmas Day (one copy per household).</p> <p>Bethany Bereavement There will be no meetings of the Mount Argus Bethany Bereavement Support Group in December. Normal meetings will resume in January 2017.</p>
<p>Office Hours Please check the notice on the monastery door for office opening hours over the Christmas and the New Year holidays.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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, 10 January.</p>