

**Collection:**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**  
**€1,130**  
**6/7 January 2018**  
**€2,197**

**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:**

**Kathleen Martin**  
**Enriqueta MacVeigh**  
**Michael Fitzgerald**

**May they rest in peace**

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place at the Sacred Heart Altar in Mount Argus Church every Wednesday and Friday from after the 10.00 am Mass until 6.00 pm. Why not drop in for a while and experience the healing presence of Christ?

**Parish Envelopes 2018** are available for collection at the monastery office.

**Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction**  
Saint John of God Hospital are holding an 8 week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) course. It starts on Wednesday, 31 January and runs for eight Wednesdays from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. The course also includes one full day of Mindfulness. Location: Saint John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Price: €350. Full tuition, support and course material provided. For further information contact Anne O'Farrell on 01-277 1472 or email [Anne.ofarrell@sjog.ie](mailto:Anne.ofarrell@sjog.ie) Free parking available.

**Lumen Centre**  
Courses at Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin are commencing on 30 January 2018. Information leaflets are available at the back of the Church and online at [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie) Phone: 01 288 2075. Email: [info@lumenop.ie](mailto:info@lumenop.ie)

### **Church Unity Week**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday of this week, 18 January, and continues until the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, 25 January. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational service in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Churchview Road, Johnstown, Killiney on Thursday, 18 January at 8.00 pm. Doctor Jessie Rogers of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will be the homilist.

### **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

Today in Catholic Churches we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme for this year is: "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees". In his message for today, Pope Francis writes: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future."

### **Parish Pastoral Council Report**

The Parish Council met last Wednesday. In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, there will be six "conversation" evenings, using the "Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family" Programme. This programme aims to support families and parishes as we set out on the journey of preparation to the World Meeting of Families. There will be three "Amoris" evenings during Lent and three after Easter. We will hold two training days for new and existing parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults. Those taking part can choose either Saturday, 24 February or Saturday, 3 March. There will be a general meeting of parishioners on Monday, 30 April. This will be an opportunity for us to make new friends and to reflect on our life together as a parish community. At the general meeting, there will also be a presentation on the World Meeting of Families. Please keep the date of the meeting free; there will be more information about it later.

### **Prayer Groups:**

The Lectio Divina group meets in the monastery on Tuesdays at 10.30 am. Men's Spirituality Group meets in the monastery on Tuesdays at 8.00 pm. The Charismatic Prayer group meets in the monastery on Thursdays at 8.00 pm.

### **Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples**

Do you want to improve communication with your spouse? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme from 2 to 4 February 2018. For information contact Tony & Anne 01 495 3536, Mike & Anne 01 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie)

### **Conference on Mary**

A one day Conference "Be not afraid, Mary" will be held at the All Hallows Campus of DCU, Drumcondra, on Saturday, 20 January from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm. Cost of the day is €20, which includes a light lunch. The conference is a project of the Legion of Mary. Contact Liam (086 8888918) or Mary (087 2256833) or email [catholicconferencedublin@gmail.com](mailto:catholicconferencedublin@gmail.com)