

Collection:
8/9 December 2018
€1,867
Immaculate Conception
€1,025
Parish Envelopes
€189

Standing Orders etc:
€250 (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:

Benny Kenny
Frances Dignam
Bernie Scanlon
Rosaleen Doyle

May they rest in peace

Mount Argus Calendars

Copies of our 2019 Mount Argus Calendar are available on the tables at the back of the church, Please take one.

Parish Envelopes 2019

For those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes we will make envelopes for 2019 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.

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 on Wednesday, 9 January.

Mount Argus Carol Service

Our Carol Service takes place in the Church today (Sunday) at 7.30 pm. This is a beautiful and prayerful service and an important preparation for Christmas. A collection will be taken up at the Carol Service to support the work of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre.

Times of Christmas Masses

On Christmas Eve, 24 December, there will be the usual morning Mass at 10.00. 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 is the Family Mass with the Children's Nativity Play.) **Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

Christmas Confessions

Confessions in preparation for Christmas will be at the usual times until Christmas Eve, 24 December when confessions will be from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm. After that, there will be no confessions in the church until Saturday, 5 January when normal confession times resume.

Mass Times after Christmas

26 December (St Stephen's Day): 11.00 am

27-28 December: 10.00 am

29 December (Saturday): 11.00 am, 6.15 pm (Vigil)

30 December (Sunday): 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

31 December (Monday): 10.00 am

1 January (New Year's Day): 11.00 am

Normal Mass times will resume on 2 January.

Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Charles on Saturday, 5 January. Masses for the Feast of St Charles will be at 9.00 and 11.00 am. (There will also be the usual Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm.) In preparation for the Feast, there will be a "Transitus" Vigil of Prayer at the Tomb of Saint Charles on Friday evening, 4 January, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. 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, and Blessing with the Relic. 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.

The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held today (Sunday) at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre.

Office Hours

Please check the notice on the monastery door for office opening hours over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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 €14,013. This will enable the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas.

Christmas Carols

The children of Scoil Mológa will sing a selection of Christmas Carols in Mount Argus Church on Thursday, 20 December at 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to what is always a beautiful celebration of Christmas..

Mount Argus Youth Group

The Youth Group will hold its Christmas Event in the Upper Room on Sunday, 23 December at 7.00 pm.

Golden Jubilee of Frs Bernard and James

On Saturday, 22 December at the 6.15 pm Mass, we will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Ordination of Fr James Sweeney (our Provincial) and Fr Bernard Lowe (our Rector). All are welcome to this Jubilee Mass.