

Collection:
1/2 December 2018
€1,775

Parish Envelopes
€179

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

Thank you

to all who responded to the Appeal for the Crosscare Foodbanks last weekend.

Reconciliation Service

Our Reconciliation Service will be held at the 11.00 am St Charles Novena Mass on Saturday, 15 December.

Advent and Christmas

Leaflets with the times of services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the church.

Mount Argus Carol Service

Our Carol Service takes place in the Church on Sunday, 16 December, at 7.30 pm. This is a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part of our 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..

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

At Masses this weekend, we welcome a member of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to speak on the annual Christmas Appeal, by which the SVP assists those most in need in our area at Christmas. The Appeal Collection will be a retiring collection, taken up at the back of the Church after Mass.

Parish Council Report

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Wednesday. The Council members had taken part in a workshop the previous Saturday on the theme of "Becoming a Welcoming Parish". We looked at what we can do to put this into practice as a parish community, as we work towards our next Parish Assembly which will take place on Monday, 25 February 2019. The Council also discussed the Dublin "Bus Connects" plans (www.busconnects.ie) and how we can support the local community in responding to the proposed Bus Corridor on Lower Kimmage Road.

Sister Paul Hélène and the Martyrs of Algeria

The Beatification of nineteen martyrs, killed by an Islamic fundamentalist group, was celebrated yesterday (Saturday, 8 December) in the Cathedral at Oran in Algeria. These martyrs died for their Catholic Faith between 1994 and 1996. The first two of the group to give their lives for Christ were Brother Henri Verges (a Marist Brother) and Sister Paul Hélène Saint Raymond (a Little Sister of the Assumption). The group also includes the seven Cistercian Monks of Tibhirine whose story was told in the film "Of Gods and Men", a Dominican bishop (Bishop Pierre Claverie) and members of other religious congregations. These martyrs gave their lives in what was a difficult time for the Church in North Africa, and there was a lot of soul searching about whether it was wise to proceed with this very public rite of Beatification, given the tensions that exist in the region. In dialogue and prayer with both Christians and Muslims, the decision was given the blessing of the local people. This weekend we join with the Little Sisters of the Assumption in our own parish, and with the other religious communities involved, in remembering and giving thanks for the lives and example of Sister Paul Hélène and the other new martyrs and we pray for Christians who are enduring persecution today.

Men's Confraternity

The men's branch of the Confraternity of the Passion will meet on Tuesday of this week, 11 December, at 8.00 pm in the monastery. New members are welcome.

The Christmas Day

Nativity Play group will be rehearsing after the 11.00 Family Mass today.

Senior Citizens'

Christmas Party

The Mount Argus Community Centre Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held in the Mount Argus Community Centre on Sunday, 16 December at 2.00 pm. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are available from Catherine Healy, Derbhil Johnson or the Community Centre.

Parish Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Because of the Carol Service, there will be no Parish Choir rehearsal on Saturday of this week.

Mount Argus

Youth Group

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

Mount Argus Community Centre Lotto Results

Jackpot not won this month
Winners of €50 prizes:

1. No. 03396
2. No. 00526
3. No. 00609