

Collections:
22/23 December 2018
€2,016
Christmas Day 2018
€4,875
29/30 December 2018
€1,870

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.*

The Passionist Community at Mount Argus wish you and your family a Happy New Year and many blessings in 2019. We express our sincere thanks for your prayers and good wishes, cards and gifts at Christmas.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays (from 10.30 am until 6.00 pm) resumes this week.

Parish Envelopes 2019

For those who make a contribution to the parish through the parish envelopes, new envelopes for 2019 are available for collection at the reception desk in the monastery. 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.

Mount Argus Finances

Thank you to all who support Mount Argus financially throughout the year. For your information, on the notice board at the back of the Church, there is a notice which gives a breakdown of how the finances are managed at Mount Argus.

Lumen Centre

Courses at Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin are commencing on 15 January 2019. Information leaflets are available at the back of the Church and online at www.lumenop.ie Phone: 01 288 2075. Email: info@lumenop.ie

Saint Charles of Mount Argus

Yesterday (Saturday, 5 January) we celebrated the Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus, our own Saint who offered Mass, heard confessions and blessed the sick for many years in this Church. Saint Charles was born in Munstergeleen, in the Netherlands, but most of his life as a priest was spent at Mount Argus where he died on 5 January 1893, at the age of seventy-one. He was always ready to respond to the sick and the suffering and, still today, we receive reports of many favours which have been granted through his intercession. Our pastoral theme for this year at the Shrine of Saint Charles is "Saint Charles – A Heart Open to All", which reminds us of his loving response to those who turned to him for his prayers and blessing in their time of suffering.

Here is an extract from a letter written by Saint Charles to his family:

"Pray at all times, desiring that God's will be accomplished completely in your regard. From the Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis, we learn to ask our good, merciful God for these graces: the gifts of prayer and perseverance; prayer and a happy death. As Saint Augustine says, be sure that the divine mercy will never abandon you provided that you persevere in prayer.... May the almighty and merciful Lord bless and protect you all, and may his blessing be always upon you, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The book of Saint Charles's letters to his family is on sale at the reception desk in the monastery for just €5. The title of the book is "**Dear Brothers and Sisters**".

Men's Confraternity

The Men's Confraternity will meet in the Monastery on Tuesday, 8 January at 8.00 pm. New members are welcome.

Parish Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Monastery on Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm.

Anam Cara

Parent Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday, 14 January at 7.20 pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Vocation Retreat

A weekend retreat for young men interested in knowing more about life as a priest or brother in the Passionist Community will be held at the Passionist Monastery, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar, County Down, beginning on the evening of Friday, 1 February and concluding with lunch on Sunday, 3 February. Anyone interested in taking part should speak to Father Paul Francis or email passionistvocations@gmail.com