

<p><b>Collections: Week ending: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015</b></p> <p>€1,875 (from which taken Share: €250)</p> <p><b>Par. Envelopes: €533.92</b></p> <p><b>Standing Orders etc: €338 (Approx)</b></p>	<p><b>MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT</b></p> <p><i>Our mission is to be a living parish where</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>All will feel welcome</i></li> <li>• <i>Everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts</i></li> <li>• <i>People and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Kindly remember the recently deceased:</b></p> <p><b>Bridget Brennan Dominic Lloyd</b></p> <p><b>May they rest in peace</b></p>
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**SVP Collection**  
The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses this weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Men's Confraternity**  
The Men's Confraternity will meet on next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the monastery. New members welcome.

**Lenten Scratch-Off Calendars**  
Next weekend, in preparation for Lent, we will make available for a donation of €1 each, a Lenten scratch-off calendar. The idea is that for each day of Lent you scratch off to find a simple and achievable task of prayer, fasting or giving, related to the Gospel of the day. 30 cents of each Euro will cover costs and the remaining 70 cents will go to some good cause. Volunteers will be on hand to take your donation and hand out the cards.

**Trocaire Boxes**  
Trocaire boxes will also be available on the tables for collection next weekend.

**Accord**  
The Accord Dublin Annual Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February. In Mount Argus this will be taken up as an Exit Collection. Accord offers throughout the diocese: marriage preparation courses; counseling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, and a relation and sexuality programme in schools.

**Synod on the Family**  
The second session of the Synod of Bishops in Rome on the Family will take place in October 2015. Archbishop Martin has provided three documents, an **Information Sheet, a copy of the final report of the first part of the Synod** which was held last October – this document is called the **Relatio Synodi**, and a **Questionnaire**. These documents will be available for download from next weekend. Parishioners can engage with the process by reading the documents and submitting any answers and opinions through the **Parish Pastoral Council** where they will be gathered and forwarded to the **Diocesan Office for Evangelization**. Not all questions need be answered; parishioners are free to choose to answer whichever questions they wish.

**Parishes Together**  
For five consecutive Mondays during Lent the 3 parishes of Mount Argus, Harold's Cross and Rathmines will present five selected episodes of the excellent mini-series "The Bible". The first will take place at 7.30pm in the Harold's Cross Parish Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Each DVD lasts about 40 minutes and we will have time for some sharing and a cuppa afterwards. A sixth session, focused on the Resurrection, will be scheduled for some time after Easter. Please see the poster on the notice board.

**Civil Defence Volunteers**  
Volunteers wanted for CD Casualty Service. Learn First Aid & help the community. Volunteers must be aged 17+. Information from Civil Defence Officer: 087-6322846.

**World Day of the Sick**  
World Day of the Sick 2015 is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme this year is: *"I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame"* (Job 29:15)  
**"In anointing the sick, the Church helps us face the profound mystery of suffering and death"**

**Passionist Vocations**  
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, 13<sup>th</sup> February and concluding with lunch on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Father Paul Francis CP at [passionistvocations@gmail.com](mailto:passionistvocations@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed**  
Mount Argus Work4All are currently seeking volunteers with practical experience of conducting interviews and an interest in teaching interview skills to those seeking employment. Prospective volunteers may discuss their commitment and flexibility with the Project Coordinator. Please contact Marianne at 01 492 7250 or e mail [marianne@mawork4all.ie](mailto:marianne@mawork4all.ie)

**Fr John Sullivan**  
Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Venerable Fr John Sullivan SJ, and prayer for his canonisation will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February @ 11.00am. There will be a blessing with the crucifix of Fr John afterwards.

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**"I was sick and you visited me"**