

<p><b>Collections: Week ending: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014</b></p> <p><b>Collections: €1,804</b> (from which taken <i>Share: €250</i>)</p> <p><b>Par. Envelopes: €115</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>Nicholas Molloy Michael Hughes Teresa Twamley</b></p> <p><b>May they rest in peace</b></p>
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<p><b>Advent &amp; Christmas 2014</b> This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year (<b>Year B</b>). Please take a copy of a leaflet from the back of the Church outlining all the times of Masses, Services and Confessions during Advent and Christmas this year.</p>	<p><b>Come, Rest Awhile</b> <b>On next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 3pm to 4.30pm:</b> an afternoon of prayer, scripture, reflection and quiet time will be held in the <b>Upper Room, Mount Argus</b>. As we approach the Christmas Season we prepare to celebrate the coming to earth of someone who really does make a difference. You are invited to <b>take time out for yourself</b> and have some quiet, reflective time in the midst of the busyness. <i>All welcome!</i></p>	<p><b>Diaconate Ordination</b> Mount Argus is delighted to host the ordination to the transitional diaconate, the step before priesthood, of Frank Trias CP, at the <b>11am Mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p>
<p><b>Parish Choir</b> The Parish Choir begins rehearsals for Christmas on this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, in the Upper Room at 7:30pm - 9pm, and thereafter Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>; 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December at the same time. Those available will also sing at the Diaconate Ordination of Frank Trias CP on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December and at the Carol Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to see some old and new members - all are welcome, no previous experience necessary!</p>	<p><b>Crosscare Food Bank</b> You will remember that in the weeks before Christmas last year the diocese launched a programme to replenish the stock of the Crosscare Food Banks. These Food Banks give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to over 70 other charities in Dublin who are working with those most in need. Overall last year, Crosscare redistributed over 750 tonnes of food. This year the demand has almost doubled, and they expect to give out almost 1,200 tonnes of food. In response to this growing need parishes are being asked to repeat last year's programme and so, at all Masses <b>next weekend, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December</b>, parishioners are asked to bring <b>non-perishable food items</b> to the church, which Crosscare will collect during the following days.</p>	<p><b>Peter McVerry Trust</b> The church gate collection in support of the Peter McVerry Trust last weekend raised <b>€1,368</b>. The Trust has sent a letter of appreciation.</p>
<p><b>Light up a Life</b> Our Lady's Hospice will hold the annual Ceremony of Remembrance: <b>'Light up a Life'</b> on next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 4pm. -----</p>	<p><b>Their Leaves will not Wither (Ezek 47:12)</b> As we say goodbye to our <b>November Prayer Tree</b> remember that the tree will be planted by the crib for Christmas bearing lights of hope; with the leaves gathered underneath.</p>	<p><b>Other Diary Dates</b> December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: <b>SVP Christmas Appeal</b> December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm – <b>Advent Carol Service</b> December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm – <b>Advent Reflection with Ian Callanan</b> December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am – <b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b></p>
<p><b>Christmas Party</b> The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm</b> in the Mount Argus Community &amp; Social Services Centre. Tickets from usual sources.</p>		<p><b>MA Travelling Crib</b> In this Season of Advent we draw your attention to the travelling crib being implemented by our Family Ministry Team. See the red notice board for more details on how you can still be a part of it.</p> <p><b>Garda Alert – Be Vigilant!</b> Garda Tony Byrne has alerted us to a significant increase in burglaries in the local area and advises extra vigilance. He will arrange a Neighbourhood Watch meeting soon.</p>
		<p><i><b>“From Mary’s sweet silence; Come, Word, mutely spoken”</b></i></p>