

**Collections: Week ending:
22nd November 2015**

€1,951 (of which €250 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: (No count)

**Standing Orders: €330
(Approx.)**

Harold's Cross Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing
Enjoy some seasonal fun at **5pm on this Sunday 29th November** in Harold's Cross Park. There will be in an ecumenical blessing of the tree by priests of the local Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox communities. The Lord Mayor will attend the festivities. All welcome

Lectio Divina for Advent
Each Tuesday after the 10am Mass a little group meet in the monastery to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel. The practice allows us to encounter God in our hearts & everyday lives. You may like to join us if you have 45 minutes to spare.

World Youth Day
Our WYD group raised an amazing €1,810 for their bag-packing at SuperValu last weekend. Thanks to all of you who did your shopping there and contributed and thanks to SuperValu for allowing the bag-pack.

People's Climate March
The People's Climate March takes place in Dublin **today Sunday 29th November**, *"Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."* (Pope Francis)

People's Climate Rally, Dublin at Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 @ 2pm.

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.*

Please pray for those recently deceased:

Paddy Cregan

Rest in Peace

Advent & Christmas 2015

Advent begins this weekend, Please take a copy of a leaflet from the back of the Church outlining times of Masses, Services and Confessions for Advent and Christmas this year.

Jubilee of Mercy Talk

Pope Francis will inaugurate the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** in Rome on Tuesday 8th December by opening the Holy Door. On **Thursday 10th December** well known scripture scholar and friend of Mount Argus, **Sean Goan**, will give a talk in the Upper Room @ 8pm entitled *"St. Luke and the Year of Mercy"*. We hope that you will join us and get the Jubilee of Mercy off to the perfect start.

Parish Choir

The Parish Choir will prepare for Christmas services beginning **Saturday 28th November at 7:30pm in the Middle Room**. All are welcome to attend - please spread the word if you know of other singers who might like to be involved. Please note, to meet recent child protection guidelines, members who are under 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian at the rehearsals.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party will take place on **Sunday 6th December, beginning at 2.30pm**, in the Community Centre.

Senior Citizens Party

The Annual **Senior Citizens Party** takes place on **Sunday 13th December, beginning at 2pm** in the Community Centre. Tickets will soon be available from the usual sources.

Sisters of St. Elizabeth

The Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Convent from Minsk in Belarus will set up their stall at the back of the church **after the 6.15pm evening Mass next Friday 4th December** to sell their beautiful handicrafts and icons in support of their spiritual and social ministries in caring for vulnerable children and adults in Belarus. You may find some beautiful Christmas gifts on their stall.

Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting with Garda Tony Byrne in the Mount Argus Upper Room **next Tuesday 1st December from 7-9pm**. All welcome.

Parish Envelopes 2016

For those who make their contribution through the parish envelopes we will make envelopes for 2016 available at all Masses on **next weekend 5th/6th December**. With the new charities regulations we will invite people to return to the system of past years when people took a particular envelope number and provided their name and address. For those who prefer their envelope contribution to remain an anonymous donation that is absolutely fine too.

Nativity Play

Any children who, with the support and help of their parents, would like to take part in the Nativity Play on Christmas Morning, are asked to meet with Margaret Ennis at the back of the Church after 11am Family Mass each Sunday from now until Christmas.

Advent Confessions

Confessions during Advent are at the usual times until Christmas Eve when there will be continuous Confessions from 9am-6pm