

**Collections: Week ending:  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

*€1,563 (of which €250 sent to Share)*

**Par. Envs: (No count)**

**Standing Orders: €330  
(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.*

**Please pray for those recently deceased:**

**Thomas Hanrahan  
Paraic Cassells  
Colm Dunne**

***Rest in Peace***

### **Year of Mercy Talk**

Pope Francis will declare the opening of the Year of Mercy on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The Gospel of St. Luke is known as the Gospel of Mercy and the new liturgical year will be the year of St. Luke. On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** well known scripture scholar Sean Goan will give a talk in the **upper room beginning at 8pm** entitled "St. Luke and the Year of Mercy". We hope that you will join us and get the Year of Mercy off to the perfect start

**Immaculate Conception Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a working Holy Day and so the usual Mass times of 6.15pm (Vigil) 10am and 6.15pm apply. Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee of Mercy on this feast when he opens the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica.

### **Senior Citizens Party**

The Annual **Senior Citizens Party** takes place **next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, beginning at 2pm in the Community Centre. Tickets available from the usual sources.

### **Men's Confraternity**

The Men's Confraternity will meet **next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 8pm** in the Monastery. New members welcome.

### **Thank you**

The Executive Committee of Mount Argus Community Centre would like to thank all those who contributed to our recent Sale of Work, by donating items, buying raffle tickets and being there on the day despite the awful weather. also a very big thank to all the ladies who worked so hard for weeks before and on the day of sale to make it a success, all funds raised at sale will go to the upkeep of Centre. Just a little reminder to let everyone know that there is a sale, a small raffle, book sale and of course a cup of tea every Friday morning from 10.30 till about 12. Do drop in, even for a cuppa and a chat.

### **Mount Argus Door of Mercy**

In Mount Argus we are designating the side door (ramp door) of the church as the **Door of Mercy** as it brings you into the church near the Shrine of St. Charles, our own saint who exercised God's mercy in his ministry of healing, hope and reconciliation. A short service at the 11am Family Mass next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December will inaugurate this. Perhaps you might use this door now and again throughout the year to enter the church.

### **Year of Mercy Envelopes**

You can open **your own door of mercy** to mark this Jubilee Year. A special illustrated Mercy envelope has been prepared which includes two copies of the Year of Mercy Logo; you can place the larger one on a door or window to show that your home is a place where all who enter will meet a face of mercy, and the smaller one on a car to let people know that a Jubilee of Mercy is being celebrated and that you are making this journey; also a letter from the Archbishop and a bookmark explores the theme of mercy. These will be available next weekend to take one if you wish.

### **SVP Christmas Appeal**

At all Masses next weekend **12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December** we welcome a member of our local SVP Conference to speak and to make the annual Christmas Appeal that enables the SVP to assist those most in need in our locality this Christmas.

### **Parish Envelopes 2016**

For those who make their contribution through the parish envelopes we will make envelopes for 2016 available at all Masses **this weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Carol Service**

Our **Carol Service** will take place next **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**. Please do try and join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful service and an important part in our preparation for Christmas – and spread the word to family and friends.

### **Children's Christmas Party**

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

### **Legion of Mary Talk**

Theme: Immaculate Conception; Venue: Immaculata House, 60 Sundrive Rd.; Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December: Time: 7-9.30pm