

**Collections: Week ending:
24th January 2016**

€1,999 (of which €250 sent to Share)

Par. Envs: €107.50

**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:

**Mary Campbell
James Davis**

Rest in Peace

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee morning will take place in the Upper Room this **Sunday 31st January after the 11am Family Mass**. All welcome.

Eva Svejdar

During the coffee morning, our altar server Eva Svejdar, whom you generously supported last year on her trip to help build a school in Africa, will have some photos running on a loop on the big screen to show the fruits of her labours and say thank you for your support.

Family Groups

Passionist Family Groups, who host our coffee mornings each month, are this week inviting new members. A parish can be a daunting place to get to know other people. By joining a family group you have the opportunity to meet and get to know just a few other families; and once you know them, you'll feel much more connected in that time after Mass. Family Groups aim to get to know each other through monthly gatherings, and to support each other's joys and sorrows. In this way the whole parish family also is built up and Jesus' Great Commandment, *Love one another as I have loved you*, is put into practice.

St. Brigid's Crosses

After the 11am Family Mass **this Sunday 31st January**, the eve of the Feast of St. Brigid, **Aisling and Claire Gregg** will demonstrate the making of St. Brigid's Crosses in the middle room. Leonard Breslin has provided the rushes all the way from Donegal - and all are welcome.

Doors of Mercy

As you know, the side door opening nearest to the **Shrine of St. Charles of Mount Argus**, has been designated a **Door of Mercy** throughout this Jubilee of Mercy; but I'm sure you would like to know where some of the other doors are, and you may even feel like making your own pilgrimage during the Jubilee of Mercy to pass through each door. So just to let you know that there is one at **St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral** in Marlborough Street; **Our Lady of Dolours' Church** in Sean Mc Dermott Street, where Venerable Matt Talbot's remains lie; the **Church of St. Francis Xavier** in Gardiner Street, which holds the cross of Venerable John Sullivan; The Parish of **Saints Peter and Mary in Arklow**; and at the **House of Mercy** in Baggot Street, established in 1827 by Catherine McAuley, founders of the Sisters of Mercy. It is Pope Francis' desire that these doors become a "Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope."

Special Feasts this week

Monday 1st February: Feast of St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland.

Tuesday 2nd February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as **Candlemas**. If you wish candles blessed please hand them into the monastery reception or bring them on the day when they will be blessed at the 10am Mass. Mark your name clearly on them for collection afterwards.

Wednesday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise.

Blessing of throats at 10am Mass and oil available on the altar rails throughout the day with a blessing prayer to allow people come and bless themselves.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2016 will run from this **Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February**. The theme is "*Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy*".

Close of Year of Consecrated Life

A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion, on next **Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30 pm**. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday/40

Hours Adoration/Lent

Ash Wednesday is on **February 10th**. As ever in Mount Argus we will have the **40 Hours Adoration** from after the 10am Mass ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8.00pm. On **Thursday 11th February** (*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick*), the **40 Hours Adoration** will resume from after the 10am Mass. again ending with **Prayer and Benediction** from 7.30pm-8.00pm. Ashes will be available at the altar rails throughout the day. An **extra mass @ 7am** from Monday to Friday will be celebrated throughout Lent.