

**Collections: Week ending:
10th January 2016**

**€2,021 (of which €250 sent to
Share)**

Par. Envs: 475 (3 weeks)

**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:**

**Dick Downes
John O’Riordan
Thomas Long
Christopher Browne**

Rest in Peace

Migrants and Refugees

This **Sunday 17th January** is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We remember in a special way the great suffering of refugees at this time, but also we remember our own family members who have emigrated or family members we have left behind in other countries.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from the 18th to the 25th of January 2016. The theme for this year will be “Salt of the Earth” (1 Peter 2: 9-11). An interdenominational service will take place at St. Paul’s Church, Arran Quay on **Monday 18th January at 8.00 pm**. The preacher will be the Very. Rev. Dr. Kenneth Newell OBE.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has now resumed on Wednesdays and Fridays from after the 10am Mass until 6pm.

Family Ministry/Children’s Liturgy

Our Family Ministry Team recommences the Children’s Liturgy this **Sunday 17th January** at the 11am Family Mass. A full schedule of dates is posted on the (red) Family Ministry Notice Board at the back of the church.

Mount Argus Music Director

Mount Argus is in the process of advertising for a new Music Director to replace Aine Mulvey. We’re very keen to get the message out to as wide a community as possible, so if you’re aware of suitable people who might be interested please let us know. Or you might approach and encourage anyone to apply that you think might be a good candidate. Aine has kindly agreed to participate on the panel to recruit the new director. It may take a little time to get a replacement, and in the interim period, Mary O’Brien has agreed to step up and fill in any needed gaps as the central contact person. Like Aine, Mary has a long association with music in Mount Argus from a young age and has very strong liturgical, musical and administrative skills. We thank her for her generosity in stepping into the breach. In the meantime the music ministry will continue as normal with the **Family Choir** reassembling next **Sunday 24th January at 10am** in the Church for the **11am Family Mass**.

Farewell to the Crib

The Christmas Crib will begin to be dismantled after Masses this Sunday which marks the third of the three epiphanies in the Gospel which is the Miracle at Cana; the other two epiphanies being the Visitation of the Magi and the Baptism of the Lord. During each of these epiphanies God’s power is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, whose actions are accompanied by signs which point to our Lord as the Saviour of all. We invite you to make time for a final visit and we offer thanks to those who erected and tended the crib throughout the Advent and Christmas period.

Parish Envelopes and Mount Argus Finances

Parish envelopes for 2016 are available at the monastery reception. Thank you to all who have collected their envelopes to date and for your kind support for the upkeep and development of the parish. Don’t forget there is a notice on the board at the back of the church that gives a breakdown on how the finances are managed in Mount Argus.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga with Sarah: classes started in the Community Centre on last **Thursday 14th January** from 11.am to 12 noon. Get fit gently for 2016. **Cost €4 per class**. All welcome

Aware Training

Aware, the national organization providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder, is recruiting new volunteers to train. *Aware* was this year awarded the *Investing in Volunteering Standard* in recognition of the level of training and support it provides for its 400 volunteers. See www.aware.ie for information on volunteering opportunities. The minimum commitment is 18 months.