

**Collection: Weekend of
23/24 September 2017
€1,777**

Par. Envs: €186

**Standing Orders etc:
€350 (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.*

**Kindly remember the
recently deceased:**

**Sarah (Sally) Scott
Joseph James Grey
Stephan Doyle
Stella Byrne**

May they rest in peace

Coffee Morning

Our monthly Coffee Morning, which is organised by the Passionist Family Groups, will be held in the Upper Room today (Sunday) after the 11.00am Mass. All are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers Needed

The Family Liturgy Team is looking for new members. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Fr Paul Francis at the Parish Office or call Anne at 087-9680611.

RCIA - Journey of Faith

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process which helps adults who wish to prepare to be baptised or confirmed or who wish to become Catholics.

The group will meet weekly from late October until June. Each meeting includes a time of prayer, scripture reading, a chance to talk and share our faith together, and instruction on some aspect of the Catholic faith. If you are an adult who would like more information about being baptised or confirmed or received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church, please speak to Father Paul Francis.

SVP Collection

The monthly St Vincent de Paul Collection will take place outside the Church after Masses next weekend.

Day for Life 2017 - 'Fostering a Culture that Protects Life and Respects Women'

The *Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. The 2017 *Day for Life* is celebrated on Sunday, 1 October. This year's theme is 'Fostering a Culture that Protects Life and Respects Women'. Here is an extract from the Pastoral Message for this year's *Day for Life*:

'There is currently a campaign to remove Article 40.3.3 (the pro-life article) from the Constitution of Ireland.... As we face the immediate challenge here in Ireland, and mark the fifty years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act on the neighbouring island, we are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy.... Pope Francis, reminding us of the consistent teaching of the Church, describes abortion as a grave sin. As a compassionate pastor, however, he reminds priests that they are called to be ministers of God's mercy. He also points out that we have not done enough to support pregnant women in desperate situations who see abortion as a quick solution.'

Passionist Family Groups

At the end of the Mass today, Yvonne Gray, who is one of the co-ordinators of the Passionist Family Groups at Mount Argus, will say a word about these Groups. Passionist Family Groups are a way of getting to know other people in the parish community. They meet once a month for social and other activities. At present there are seven groups in the parish. Leaflets about the groups are available at the back of the Church and members of the Passionist Family Groups are there for anyone who would like to know more.

October Rosary

Join us to recite the Rosary on Thursdays at 5.00 pm during the month of October at the statue of Our Lady on Priory Road. (Organised by the Legion of Mary.)

Consoling The Heart Of Jesus - A Day of Divine Mercy

Fr Michael Gaitley of the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy will give a day retreat at Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare on Saturday, 7 October, from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. The cost of the day is €49. Fr Michael will provide three new talks (St John Paul II, Fatima and Consoling the Heart of Jesus), celebrate Mass and have a question and answer session with attendees. For more information, call Jacinta on 0879294528. To register, go to timeofmercy.info

Mount Argus Work4All Computer Classes

Ideal for beginners or intermediate, these classes are open to all and are free of charge. They take place every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm upstairs in the Mount Argus Community Centre. To book, call 01 492 7250.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the monastery on Wednesday of this week at 8.00 pm.