

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON YNYS MÔN

(Amlwch, Beaumaris, Benllech, Holyhead, Llangefni, Menai Bridge, Rhosneigr)

Striving to be “Welcoming, Inclusive and Outward Looking”

“Croesawgar, Cynhwysol ac Eangfrydig”

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13th Sunday of The Year 2nd July 2023

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We pray for those who are sick at this time -

And for those who have anniversaries around this

time: Adrienne Magee, Elspeth Faricy, Margaret Kelleher, Jack Hughes, John Roberts, Jack Loughran, Ronald Clayton, Jack Preston, James Faulkner, William Paul McDermott, Thomas McGowan, Joseph Hegarty, Timothy Costa, William Burgess, Edward Whittam, Maureen Heywood, Robert Layland.

POPES INTENTION FOR JULY: We pray the *World Youth Day* in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch	5pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday
Benllech	10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
Menai Bridge	not open
Holyhead	10.30am Sunday, 10am Wednesday, 10am Friday
Llangefni	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
Rhosneigr	6pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

Whenever Holyhead have a Service of Word and Communion there is a streamed Mass from St Joseph's, Llangefni, using the Mobile Streaming App.

Go to catholicchurchesanglesey.org.uk / click on *Mobile*

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses and Services this weekend. “PETER'S PENCE” is a universal charitable collection taken every year by the Catholic Church around the world and used by the Pope in his worldwide humanitarian efforts. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from *Peter's Pence*.

AND THERE IS ALSO A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND. THIS IS FOR “SEA SUNDAY”. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, through the 2nd Collection that will be at all Masses on the Island or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work.

CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN: Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSE FOR BEREAVEMENT VISITORS AND FUNERAL MINISTERS at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni: Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm: 13th, 20th, 27th July, 3rd August, 7th September.

PRAY AND PONDER THE SCRIPTURES via Zoom: Tuesday 11th July at 7pm. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 IN LISBON : Contact Pauline Thomas as well as emailing Padraig Corcoran - p.corcoran@oblates.ie
Tel: +353(87)7723255

THE OMI PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 17th –22nd September. Booking Forms are at the back of the Church.

THE CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (The Church in Wales, Holyhead) is organising a pilgrimage by coach to Walsingham, 7-11 August this year. The price is £450/530 (max). There is no extra supplement for single occupancy. Please see the itinerary at the back of the church or visit the website: www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk or www.walsingham.org.uk (Catholic). Contact Sr Miranda (01407 762084) who will put you in touch with the local organiser.

THE FRIDAY MORNING GROUP meets via Zoom Fridays 11am. The third webinar presentation is this Friday.

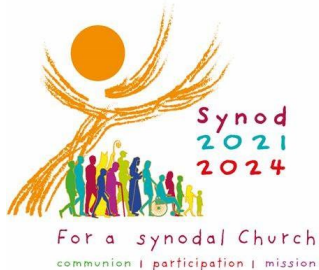
ST DAVIDS HOSPICE FUNDRAISING TEAM are delighted to have been offered the event marquee at the Holyhead Festival on Thursday afternoon, 27th July. We shall be providing an Afternoon of Entertainment for the people who have supported us over the years. The choir, Singing for Pleasure will perform as well as Alistair James and Holyhead Male Voice Choir. Entry to the event will be free. There will be a raffle and tombola stall and the bar will be open. We would love it if you could join us. Please feel free to invite your friends and family too. The more the merrier!

THANK YOU to everyone who gathered last Sunday in Beaumaris for our *Afternoon Get-together* and especially to those who made the effort to travel distances across the Island to take part. It was wonderful to meet-up with old friends and new from across the Island communities to amble along the seaside to reach the Bulkeley Hotel for a Welsh Tea. Thank you also to the Island Laudato Si' Group for organising the event and to Patsy Thomas for liaising with the Bulkeley hotel staff. A very pleasant time was shared by all.

LAUDATO SI' - 'GROWING IN POTS'. We gathered last Thursday following Mass at St Joseph's, Llangefni. We are helping one another to learn more about growing our own food by pot planting vegetables and fruit. We also learnt about the 'Fix the Food System' CAFOD Campaign and Food Loss and Waste. The group meets on the last Thursday of the month. Experienced planters and complete novices welcome!

YOU WILL REMEMBER that we recently had a visit from Kirk Jacob who went around our 6 Faith Communities speaking about his new role within the Oblate family. He has taken over from Fr Paschal and the Oblate Missionary Appeal using the MAMI Blue Collection boxes (*The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate*.) Many of you have taken one of these boxes home with you to put in the odd coins which add up over a year. If you didn't and you would like one - they are available at the rear of all our Churches. Kirk writes to us to tell us of his new Postal Address: MAMI Office, 14 Quex Road, London NW6 4PL.

SYNOD MEETING WILL BREAK NEW GROUND FOR CATHOLICS. *"Involving women at every level of church decision-making, including the possibility of female deacons, will be on the agenda at what is set to be a ground-breaking meeting in October. The synod's working document, published on 20 June 2023, lays out the framework for discussions due to take place on 4-29 October 2023, a key event for **the most ambitious Catholic renewal project in 60 years**. Bishops, priests, Religious and lay-people will be asked to consider a series of questions as part of the global synod process, including the ordination of married men, greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ Catholics, a reform of governance, the selection of bishops and lay leadership. An overhaul of the seminary system to ensure that clergy are trained in a synodal manner is also mentioned repeatedly. This reflects a concern that some priests, particularly those ordained in recent years, have resisted or ignored*



*the synod process. A section of the working document lays out priorities for discussion. The Synod meeting will break new ground for Catholics devoted to the "promotion of the baptismal dignity of women", a topic which emerged as an urgent priority during the initial synodal dialogues worldwide. Pope Francis has ruled that, for the first time, women will take part in the October assembly as voting members. Participants will be asked to address "women's participation in governance, decision-making, mission and ministries at all levels of the Church" and how this can be supported through appropriate structures, including "new ministries". The document also explains that all synod reflections have called for "women's inclusion in the diaconate" to be considered. The presence of women deacons in the Early Church is not disputed, although those opposed to reinstating them argue they were not ordained and only carried out tasks related to women. A commission addressing the question of women deacons has convened twice during the Francis pontificate. The 60-page working document is very different from previous synod texts. In the past, these would set out a series of reflections and statements which bishops would discuss and edit. By contrast, this document seeks to present the priorities that emerged during the synod listening and discernment process, which began in 2021 in dioceses worldwide, (and were discussed here on Anglesey from October 2021 through to April 2022 through 68 conversations held across the Island among 108 people). The conversations were held under the themes of the Synod – **Communion, Mission and Participation** – the priorities are not presented as "assertions or stances" but as questions for further discernment. These questions are not just for the October meeting but "can be used for in-depth thematic meetings in a synodal style at all levels of church life". (from: *The Tablet*, June 2023).*

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