

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON YNYS MÔN

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

Striving to be “Welcoming, Inclusive and Outward Looking”
“Croesawgar, Cynhwysol ac Eangfrydig”

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2nd Sunday of the Year - Peace Sunday - 14th January 2024

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We pray for those who are sick at this time:

We pray also for those who have died recently:

Betty Jones, Anne Davies, Madeline Walsh, Ron Owen, Gerald Flynn, Walter Farr, Phillip Roberts.

Those who have anniversaries around this time:

Mary Brady, Mary Gormley, Rosemarie Elliot, Stella Taylor, Wendy Martin, Eileen Walsh, Kathleen Cowhig, Isabel Parry, Paul Coogan, Peggy Marsland, Elizabeth Ryan, Paddy Hawe, Audrey Lightbound, Dora Gaskill, Katie Hipkin.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for Walter Farr will take place on Thursday 18th January at 11am in St Mary's Church, Holyhead, followed by burial in Ynys Wen Cemetery, Valley.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday

Beaumaris 6pm Saturday

Benllech 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday

Holyhead 10.30am Sunday,

NO MASS DURING THE WEEK

Llangefni 11am Sunday, 10am Thursday

Rhosneigr 5pm Saturday, Thursday **NO MASS**

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*

FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH 2024: *“Eugene de Mazenod 101 Course”*: Session 7 - *‘Dare to Serve the Most Abandoned’*, 11am via Zoom. Contact

paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for the Zoom session.

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLANNING GROUP MEETING:

Tuesday 16th January 2024 3pm via Zoom

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE for the coming Sunday next Tuesday 16th January: 7pm via zoom

For a link to the prayer session contact

paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com All are welcome.

FUNERAL MINISTERS AND BEREAVEMENT VISITORS

Support Meeting Thursday 25th January at St Joseph's, Llangefni - 11am.

PEACE SUNDAY TODAY JANUARY 14TH

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for world peace using the theme proposed by Pope Francis:

Artificial Intelligence and Peace.

This is an extract from Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message 2024.

“Artificial intelligence will become increasingly important. The challenges it poses are technical, but also anthropological, educational, social and political. It promises, for instance, liberation from drudgery, more efficient manufacturing, easier transport and more ready markets, as well as a revolution in processes of accumulating, organizing and confirming data. We need to be aware of the rapid transformations now taking place and to manage them in ways that safeguard fundamental human rights and respect the institutions and laws that promote integral human development. Artificial intelligence ought to serve our best human potential and our highest aspirations, not compete with them.” Pope Francis.

INTO THE FUTURE - LISTENING EXERCISE : In Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter of a recent Advent Sunday he spoke of meetings in the New Year to consider the updated pastoral plan. Dates and venues for those six open meetings are now established: **All meetings will take place in the various churches, as listed.** They are all **Saturdays** as follows:

3rd February 10.30am to 12noon - **Welshpool**; 2.30pm to 4.00pm - **Wrexham**;

24th February 2.30pm to 4.00pm - **Rhyl**;

2nd March 10.30am to 12noon - **Llandudno**; 2.30pm to 4.00pm - **Porthmadog**;

9th March 2.30pm to 4.00pm - **Buckley**.

Before attending a meeting or making a submission, please be sure to read 'Into the Future – 3'

https://www.rcdwxm.org.uk/_files/ugd/0d070d_ba440c4896e347feb6_b5fc0127eb57a8.pdf

Each meeting will have the same format: 1. Formal and silent prayer; 2. Presentation from Bp. Peter;

3. Opportunity for opinions, comments and suggestions from those present*; 4. Closing Prayer.

***Guidelines:** Oral contributions at the meetings: (maximum 3 minutes) Written submissions can be made: (maximum 250 words). These can be sent to the Diocesan Offices by post or by email pa@rcdwxm.org.uk

Please Note: Written submissions should be signed – anonymous comments cannot be considered.

Comments should intend to be helpful and constructive - purely negative responses do not provide guidance for the future. Please, ensure that you read the document before attending a meeting or making a submission. The document is online (link as above) or ask for a print copy from your parish. There is a copy at the rear of St Mary's Church, Holyhead.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: We have a great opportunity to come together to meet other people in our local faith communities, to chat about local issues and pray together. **It is Christian Unity Week 18th - 25th January.** The prayers this year have been written by people in Burkina Faso, Africa and is based on the Good Samaritan.

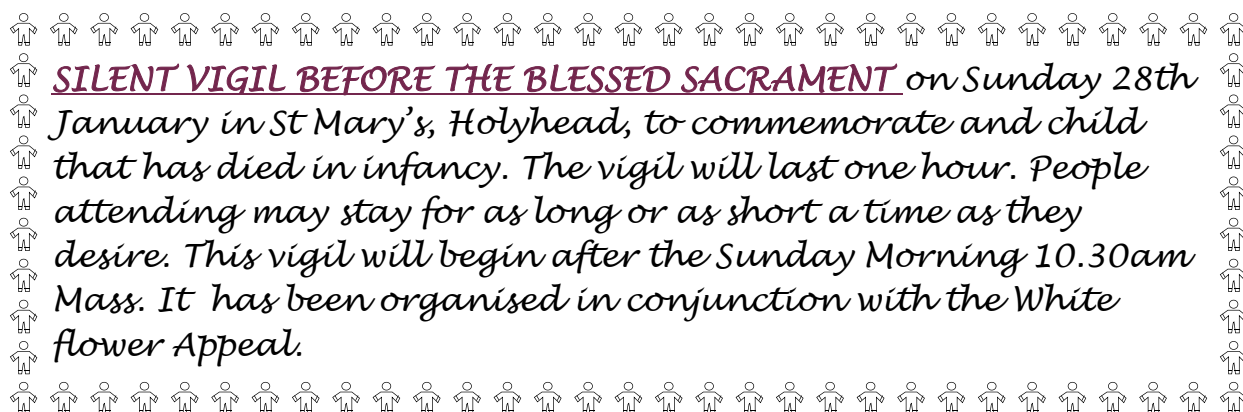
Thursday 18th at 1.30pm in St Marys Church hall - hear more about Burkina Faso and chat about how we can be the Good Samaritan in our local community.

Thursday 25th 7pm - a service in St Davids, Morawelon - hymns and prayers thanking and asking God to guide us in all we do. The Churches working together in Holyhead can bring about so much good; for example Cytûn is using the Charity Shop Holyhead between Mon 5th and Fri 10th Feb, to raise money for Di-gartref and Unicef in Gaza, plus seeds for the Community Allotment! **If you have any clothes/bric-a-brac etc please leave on stage in St Mary's Hall or bring down to the charity shop between 12-2pm on Sun 4th. Please let Sr Miranda or Alison know if you can volunteer in the shop.**

WELCOMERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at ST MARY'S CHURCH - Please pick up a copy of the new rota.

MANY THANKS TO CÔR MEIBION CAERGYBI / HOLYHEAD MALE VOICE CHOIR. Last Saturday evening, Hefin Jones (St Mary's, Holyhead) and the Choir gave a wonderful performance to celebrate the end of the Christmas Season. It was a lovely evening of carols in Welsh and English . There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies. Thanks to the choir for giving of their time and to all who helped on the night. £360 was raised for Church Funds. Diolch yn fawr!

"VENI, VIDI, VICI" (I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED) was said by Julius Caesar after his army's victory in Asia Minor (Turkey). The invitation of Jesus to Andrew and his companion is 'to come and see...' This is exactly what they do, and then they go to Andrew's brother, Peter, and tell him with absolute confidence, "We have found the Messiah!" We do not know what they saw and heard when they went to see where Jesus lived, but whatever it was it convinced Andrew that it was in Jesus that they would find meaning for their lives. From that moment on they lived for Jesus, and later they would die for Jesus – willingly and without hesitation. In the person of Jesus they had found something which was even greater than their lives. They had found a peace, a joy, a contentment that nothing in this world could extinguish. This, for them as well as for us, has to be our ultimate victory in life. The Empire of Julius Caesar is long gone but the Kingdom of God is still very much alive in our world. In today's Gospel Andrew and his companion, and then Peter truly did 'come, see and conquer' (*veni, vidi, vici*). This same invitation to "come and see..." is given to us today. If we want to, we can respond to it and in the person of Jesus we will find a peace which this world can never give. Think about it – a peace which this world can never give!

 **SILENT VIGIL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on Sunday 28th January in St Mary's, Holyhead, to commemorate and child that has died in infancy. The vigil will last one hour. People attending may stay for as long or as short a time as they desire. This vigil will begin after the Sunday Morning 10.30am Mass. It has been organised in conjunction with the White flower Appeal.