

Newsletter of the Catholic Communities on Anglesey

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

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Time of Masses on Anglesey this week

Amlwch	5pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday
Benllech	10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
Menai Bridge	not open
Holyhead	6pm Saturday, 11am Sunday, Wednesday and Friday 10am
Llangefni	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
Rhosneigr	9am Sunday, 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 Stream* above the picture of St Mary's Church.

A notice to all Faith Communities on Anglesey: Please inform the parish office in Holyhead if there is any local news or events taking place in your area that you want reported in our Island Newsletter. Any parishioner who wants name of a loved one put into the newsletter, please inform the Parish Office in Holyhead.

We pray for those who are sick in our 7 Faith Communities:

We pray too for those who have died recently: Rose Metcalfe (Holyhead)

And for those who have anniversaries around this time: Joseph Hegarty, William Burgess, Edward Whittam, Maureen Heywood, Richard Thomas, Margaret Kelleher, Ronnie Clayton. Elspeth Faricy, James Morris, Adrienne Magee, Michael Faulkener

Pope Francis' General Intention for July: "For the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look forwards to the future with hope and responsibility."

LINKED WITH THE FEAST OF ST PETER + SAINT PAUL (29TH JUNE) IS "PETER'S PENCE". This is a **SECOND COLLECTION** taken at all Masses and Services this weekend. It 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".

APOLOGY FROM FR JOE:

"I need to make a correction to a comment I made to the Island Assembly Gathering at last Saturday evening's Mass in Holyhead. Bishop Peter never used the word "reluctantly" at the meeting Fr Frank and myself had with him in 2013 regarding Services of Word and Holy Communion. What he did say then was: 'I will allow Services of Word and Holy Communion on Anglesey on a temporary basis - and temporary can be long or short.'

THE ANGLESEY ISLAND ASSEMBLY took place last Saturday 25th June. This Assembly was the gathering together of people from our 7 Faith Communities. Leading up to this point, there had been 68 small group meetings all over the Island to reflect, pray, converse about a whole host of matters concerning the mission of the Church on Anglesey: ie - how are things going and where do we want things to be in the months and possibly years ahead. Over 100 people took part in these Conversation groups and their reflections and comments were collected and put into a Report which is available to all. So the Assembly was the final gathering of this stage of the journey.

At the Assembly were 65 people: 61 parishioners + our two priests + Fr Oliver Barry OMI (the Provincial Leader of the Oblates in Britain and Ireland) + Fr Brian Maher OMI (London based Oblate who was interested in the whole process). Many others followed the day closely through the live streaming and a group of 5 met through Zoom including one from a camper van in France! The day was organised in 4 quartets, each one highlighting what had been said in the report (by Pauline Thomas), small group discussion, then reporting back briefly by the 12 groups. Coffee breaks and a lunch break took place, where all could catch up, meeting friends and parishioners from other parts of the Island. This was an added bonus - the meeting of people from the various communities who did not know each other very well or at all. The lovely ending of this energetic and joyful day was the evening Mass celebrated together with Fr Oliver. Here are just a few of the comments on the day which were written on "post-it notes" at the rear of St Mary's Church: *'I have been listened to in a respectful way'* *'Joyful togetherness in the presence of the Holy Spirit'* *'The day was energising. Reassuring that others were thinking along the same lines, strengthened my sense of belonging and community and gave hope for the future of our communities.'* *'Beautifully organised day. Thank you. I leave tired but full of hope.'* *'Being able to LISTEN as well as SPEAK. Lots of hope for the future with lots of enthusiasm.'* *'Uplifting, spiritual, so good to meet people from different parishes. Prompted me to get more involved.'* *'I have enjoyed today immensely. It has really given me a feeling of positiveness and looking forward to the future. DIOLCH – Thank you.!' 'Exceeded all expectations.'*

PENSION CREDIT. Around one third of those eligible for Pension Credit aren't claiming it; that's around 850,000 households. To address this, there is a Pension Credit campaign to encourage those pensioners on a low income to claim it. 15th June marked *Pension Credit Day of Action*, a media day organised by the Minister for Pensions to encourage people to check their eligibility for Pension Credit. It was held to encourage people to spread the word to their friends and family members who may be eligible. It is unlikely that many pensioners were aware of this. Even although the day has passed you can still access information about Pension Credit if it concerns you: for example - pensioners may still be eligible if they own their own home or have savings (the first £10,000 of savings is ignored). In the current cost of living crisis, it's even more vital to encourage those who are eligible to apply. People can check their eligibility by calling 0800 99 1234. Or at: [Pension Credit: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/overview) [Pension Credit calculator - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/calculator)

ROE V WADE. There has been a lot of press coverage last week regarding the overturning of *Roe v Wade* in the USA. If you are interested in learning more about this decision, *Right To Life UK* has published an article that covers details on the decision, polling on the abortion issue and a number of other points that may be helpful when having conversations around this development: <https://righttolife.org.uk/news/us-supreme-court-overturns-roe-v-wade>
An article from Lord David Alton has been published and may also be of interest : <https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE: 7pm Tuesday 5th JULY

THE EUCHARIST AS AN ACT OF POLITICAL SUBVERSION: FRIDAY 8th JULY 11am ZOOM SESSION:

Watch the video recording of Tom O'Loughlin's presentation. Tom is Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Nottingham in England. His research focusses on how Christians imagine themselves in the way they gather and celebrate together: what they do, and do not do. When they celebrate the Eucharist can be a better indicator of what is important to them than their formal statements of their beliefs.

NEW: READING GROUP FRIDAY'S 11am VIA ZOOM Beginning FRIDAY 8th JULY

Reading - 15 Days of Prayer with Saint Eugene de Mazenod. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and former Bishop of Marseille was canonised as saint in 1995. In this book Fr. Bernard Dullier OMI selects for us the major transformative moments from the life of Saint Eugene and key texts from his writings to invite us into a deeper vision of discipleship and service. 12 books have been ordered.

DAVID WELLS EVENT: No More Shouting, Wistaston Hall, Crewe, Thursday 21st July 6pm – Sunday 24th July 2pm. Suggested donation £240. Two places available if willing to share. Please email paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com ASAP (for this event) , and for any other event taking place advertised above.