

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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We pray for those who have died recently

Kevin Bailey, John Breen, Catherine McGuinness, Eithne O'Brien, Jim Sanders, David Hawken and Walter George Lilley.

And those who have anniversaries around this time:

Margaret Caldwell, Rubina Morris, Margaret McNamee, Thirza Williams, Margaret McClean (Tots), Joan Hoogerwerf, Heulwen McClean, Roz Vallely, Kenneth Hunt, Michael Kenny, Simon Mitchell, Leon Rutkowski, Richard Edwards, Thomas Brogan, Ena Stavelay.

The Funeral Mass for Jim Sanders will take place in Rhosneigr Church at 2pm this Monday. Cremation will follow at Bangor Crematorium (private service). No flowers, please, but donations can be made, if you choose, to *Muscular Dystrophy UK*.

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*

WORLD YOUTH DAY 1 - 6 AUGUST 2023

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. This year, WYD will start this Tuesday from 1st-6th August in Lisbon, Portugal. Two young parishioners, Rebekah Fleming and Paige Hudson-Jones, will be going from St Mary's Church. We wish them both a safe and enjoyable week.



A FACEBOOK PAGE for "St Mary's Church Holyhead" has been set up by Paige Hudson-Jones.

Take a look to see what is going on in the area. If you have any information or events that you would like to advertise please let Paige know by email: paigesophia1728@gmail.com

The Funeral Service for David Hawken, recently deceased and formerly of Holyhead, took place last Wednesday, followed by cremation at Llandygai.

THE SEA SUNDAY COLLECTION recently taken at Benllech and Amlwch was £221.05. Many thanks for your generosity toward this very worthy charity.

TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSE FOR BEREAVEMENT VISITORS AND FUNERAL MINISTERS at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni: Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm: 3rd August, 7th, 14th, 21st September.

GROWING IN POTS': next Session is Thursday 10th August at 10.45 following 10am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni
We are helping one another to learn more about growing our own food by pot planting vegetables and fruit. Experienced planters and complete novices welcome!

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE: Tuesday 5th September 7pm via Zoom

JOIN THE FRIDAY MORNING GROUP, 11am on Zoom, to read together the Synod working document

Instrumentum laboris. Next Session: 4th August.

ISLAND LAUDATO SI' ACTION GROUP: Meeting this Monday 31st July 2pm via Zoom. At this meeting we will be planning events and ways in which our Faith Communities can participate in celebrating the ***Season of Creation*** which begins on the *World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation* 1st September through to the *Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi* 4th October. If you would like to join this group email Pauline for a Zoom link to the planning meeting.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES On Sunday 10th September St Mary's Church and School are having a Parish/School BBQ after 10.30 Mass. It will be a get together of Parishioners, Parents and children of. Bring a friend along and enjoy a relaxed and fun filled few hours. Tickets will be on sale soon.

CROESO –WELCOME TO ALL OUR SUMMER VISITORS. Hopefully the weather is kind to us this weekend. Enjoy all that Holyhead Festival has to offer on Newry Beach (Holyhead) and that you have a happy and restful holiday on the Island of Anglesey. And to all our Parishioners it is hoped you too enjoy what the summer has to offer by way of relaxation with friends and family.

TEA & COFFEE will be served in St Mary's hall after 10.30am Mass this Sunday. You are all very welcome. **BENLLECH** Church will be serving tea and coffee also after 10am Mass every Sunday during the holidays and all are welcome to stay behind after for a cuppa and a chat. **VOLUNTEERS** are still needed for teas and coffee after Sunday 10.30am Mass in Holyhead during the Summer months.



THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER BUT BUT IT WAS FELT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE REPRINTED THIS WEEKEND REGARDING THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) ON ANGLESEY.

"Since the year 2000 (and prior to that many years before), the present SVP Conference based in Holyhead has helped numerous individuals / families in need and has made (and continues to make) visits to the lonely and isolated on more than 2000 occasions and we continue to receive generous donations from parishioners towards helping those in need. Sadly, after 23 years, the conference in Holyhead is close to closing due to lack of members. The decline has taken place over the last few years and is mainly due to age of members and declining health / ability to visit beneficiaries. However, as a direct result of the recent meeting in Oriell Ynys Mon to discuss Island wide issues and priorities, we have an ideal opportunity to make changes and move to an Island wide SVP conference. A few individuals from Holyhead, Llangefni, Amlwch and Beaumaris have already shown interest and I believe that we have the seeds of something new and exciting for the future.

Over the Summer, there will be leaflets and posters available for parishioners and the wider community to learn about the work of the SVP and to inform individuals how their talents and skills can be put to use 'to seek and find those who are forgotten and to turn our concern into action'. There will be a number of information sessions after masses in September to encourage people to join in and help those in need in their local communities. Whether you have an hour or a day a week / month spare to help, any time and skills are valuable. Please take time to consider if you can help in any small way.

Please consider taking a leaflet and attending the information sessions which will be communicated in all parishes in the coming months. If anyone would like to read more about what we do, please visit our website (svp.org.uk) and / or contact Sue Roberts on 01407 730984 / 07715 580251 or e-mail : susanR@svp.org.uk.

To those individuals who have previously registered their interest and / or offered to help, please accept our thanks for your patience in trying to establish a new Island wide conference which will be titled ' Anglesey Island Mission SVP Conference'. You will be contacted soon to invite you to a local meeting."

JOINT PLEDGE BY CHURCHES ON WELSH SHRINE

The Catholic Bishop of Wrexham, Peter Brignall and the Anglican Bishop of St Asaph, Gregory Cameron, have signed a pledge to develop the ancient shrine of St Winefride at Holywell as an "integrated place of worship, pilgrimage and tourism". A place of pilgrimage since 1115, the Flintshire shrine comprises a well of holy water. According to legend, this rose from the ground where St Winefride's head fell after Caradoc, a Welsh prince beheaded her for spurning his advances. Her uncle, St Beuno, later restored Winefride's head and she led a holy life near Denbigh, becoming known as "the Welsh Lazarus". To this day visitors may bathe in the waters and attend Mass at St Winefride's parish in Holywell.