

# 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”

The Oblate Centre of Mission on Anglesey is part of the Diocese of Wrexham: Reg Charity: 700426

*3rd Sunday of the Year - 21st January 2024*

## We pray for those who are sick at this time:

### We pray also for those who have died recently:

Brendan Lynskey, Betty Jones, Madeline Walsh, Gerald Flynn, Walter Farr, Phillip Roberts.

### Those who have anniversaries around this time:

Eunice Wiramanaden, Jennifer Forcer-Williams, Sydney Edwards, William Smyth, Ray Timms, Anne Roberts, Owen Edward Jones, Tommy Robinson, George Davidson, Mona Fieldsend, Donald Prince, Joan Tait, Glyn Pearce

Funeral Ministers and Bereavement Visitors Support Meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's, Llangefni - 11am.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2024 FROM HOLYHEAD TO WALSINGHAM / NORFOLK 2-6 SEPTEMBER 2024.

For over twenty years, a group from Holyhead has made an annual pilgrimage from Anglesey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk. For three years during Covid, the pilgrimage was unfortunately unable to take place. However, it was restarted in 2023; the pilgrimage was both spiritually and socially very successful, and plans are now being put in place for pilgrimage 2024. (Between pilgrimages, The Archdeacon of Bro Cybi Church in Wales John Harvey celebrates a monthly Walsingham Mass in St David's Church, Holyhead. If you wish to attend you will be most welcome). Our coach will leave Holyhead on 2 September and return on 6 Sept 2024. As in previous years, it will stop to collect any pilgrims who wish to join on Anglesey, at Bangor and other stops along the coast. Full board accommodation is included as well as an 'away day' excursion. We are a very friendly group, and would welcome the chance to include you. We are all seeking "the peace which the world cannot give" wherever and in whatever way is possible. For more information please contact Pat Hughes: 01407 860412 [patricia-hughes2017@gmail.com](mailto:patricia-hughes2017@gmail.com)

LENTEN LUNCHEs in St Mary's, Holyhead, will start on Ash Wednesday 14th February. There is a Rota at the back of Church for volunteers, 3 are needed to prepare and serve the lunch - soup, bread, cheese Tea and Coffee.

ALSO VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Sunday tea and coffee rota. If you can help please sign up.

## TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

<b>Amlwch</b>	4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
<b>Beaumaris</b>	6pm Saturday
<b>Benllech</b>	10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
<b>Holyhead</b>	10.30am Sunday, 10am Wednesday & 10am Friday
<b>Llangefni</b>	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
<b>Rhosneigr</b>	5pm 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](http://catholicchurchesanglesey.org.uk) / click on *Mobile*

**FRIDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2024:** *“Eugene de Mazenod 101 Course”*: 11am via Zoom. **Session 10** 'Leave Nothing Undared with St. Eugene de Mazenod' Daring New Ways to Reach People's Hearts.

This course is about the life and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. It is a course for those seeking to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene.

**'GROWING IN POTS'** Group St Joseph's, Llangefni - Next Session: Thursday 1st February 11am Novices and experienced growers of salad and veg come and join the group to start growing food in pots. Sessions held once a month following 10am Mass.

**ISLAND MISSION GROUP MEETING (IMG):** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 7pm, St Joseph's Church, Llangefni

**LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLANNING MEETING:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm via Zoom

Contact [paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com) for the Zoom sessions.

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** for Holyhead and Rhosneigr will take place on Wednesday 7th February 7pm in the parish hall. If any of you have something you would like to be discussed at the meeting, please see one of the parish council members. There is a list of names and contact numbers on the Noticeboard at the back of Church.

**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.

**On Thursday 25th** at 7pm - a service will be held in St Davids, Morawelon, Holyhead - 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 good clothes/bric-a-brac etc (NO VIDEOS) 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.

**MUSIC DAY - MUSIC FOR LENT, EASTER AND BEYOND, BUCKLEY CHURCH, 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - 10:00 - 3:00** The Diocese of Wrexham are holding a come and sing music day for parish musicians and those with an interest in music in the liturgy. It will be a mixture of familiar and new material for use over the coming season. We will also be looking at the implications of the new Lectionary on Psalmody and Gospel Acclamations etc. This will be the first such workshop following the Pandemic and it would be great to have as many people attend as possible.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL 27TH JANUARY 2024: Fragility of Freedom.** Freedom means different things to different people. What is clear is that in every genocide that has taken place, those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered. This is often a subtle, slow process. There is always a set of circumstances which occur, or which are created, to build the climate in which genocide can take place and in which perpetrator regimes can remove the freedoms of those they are targeting. On HMD 2024, we can all reflect on how freedom is fragile and vulnerable to abuse. As we come together in communities around the UK, let's pledge not to take our freedoms for granted, and consider what we can do to strengthen freedoms around the world.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB ANGEL DONATIONS** in St Mary's came to £77.40 They will be divided between TOYBOX and DEPAUL. **Toybox** is a small British Charity devoted to helping vulnerable street children around the World. This year it is dedicating its Christmas appeal to children in Guatemala who have no birth certificate and have therefore no official identity. More information can be found at [www.toybox.org.uk](http://www.toybox.org.uk). Registered Charity No. 1084243. Toybox have also partnered with Advent of Change who produce resources to help raise funds for partner charities:

<https://toybox.org.uk/news/toybox-partners-with-advent-of-change-for-a-meaningful-christmas>

**Depaul** is a Charity which supports young homeless persons, helping them find safe accommodation, stability and employment. More information and young people's stories can be found at [www.depaul.org.uk](http://www.depaul.org.uk) Registered Charity No. 802384.

**SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE (Holyhead/Rhosneigr)** - have sent a cheque to CAFOD for £601.05 towards the crisis in Gaza. This was raised at their Social evening held last November. The Christmas Fair raised £537 and has yet to be decided what it will go towards. Well done to all the Team for your hard work and the fact that you bring so many people together who thoroughly enjoy the evenings ..

**ST BRIGID IS ONE OF IRELAND'S THREE PATRON SAINTS**, along with St Patrick and St Colmcille. In 2023, Ireland instituted a bank holiday in honour of St Brigid, recognising the importance of her legacy. It is the first bank holiday in Ireland to be named after a woman. There is a special ecumenical service in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare to honour her on her feast day, 1st February, to mark the 1,500th anniversary of her death. St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, marks the ancient hilltop site where she founded her double monastery, for men and for women, in the year 480AD. This *Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving* is part of the "Brigid 1500 Programme to celebrate her extraordinary life and legacy. A global invitation is being extended to individuals worldwide to take part in the "pause for peace", a minutes silence for peace at midday on St Brigid's Day, 1st February. For events from 27th January to 6th February, go to: [www.brigid1500ie](http://www.brigid1500ie) A lost chapel dedicated to St Ffraid, or Brigid, on Holy Island indicates the importance of this Irish saint to the area around Holyhead in the Middle Ages. Ffraid is the Welsh name for the saint usually known as Bridget, Brigid or Bride, who is closely associated with Kildare in Ireland. The chapel dedicated to her on Holy Island stood in ruins on a mound on the beach at Tywyn-y-Capel in the late eighteenth century, St Ffraid was remembered in the dedication of the new church built at Trearddur Bay in 1930-2. The stone church replaced a temporary wooden church that had been re-erected twice on different sites since being put up for the first time in 1898. An image of Ffraid was included in the east window of the church that was installed in 1940. In the window she stands on a turf of grass that appears to be floating on water. A sixteenth-century poem by the Welsh poet Iorwerth Fynglwyd refers to a tradition that she travelled across the sea from Ireland to Wales on a turf, arriving at the Dyfi estuary in mid-Wales. Other traditions fix her arrival at Deganwy, close to Llanantffraid Glan Conwy in north Wales, and at Tywyn-y-Capel. Ffraid holds fire in her right hand, a symbol that refers to the perpetual fire maintained by her nuns at Kildare, as attested by Gerald of Wales in the late twelfth century. The symbol of fire is used on the millennium cross set alongside the promenade at Trearddur Bay, which marks the site of the lost chapel of St Ffraid in the dunes.

