

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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SAINT DAVID 1ST MARCH What makes a great person? Skills talent motivation and courage can get us so far, but at the end of the day we discover the necessity for self-discipline, hard work and doing the little things well. 'Do the little things well', were the last words of St David to his followers today a well-known phrase in Wales, and an inspiration to many. Particularly relevant to us today in the twenty first century, Saint David is a model to us on living simply and sustainably.



We pray for those who are sick at this time:

We pray also for those who have died recently:

Maureen O'Brien, Philomena O'Connor, and Sheila Riely.

And those who have anniversaries around this time:

Joan Clayton, Alex Collins, Vincent McGuinness, John Rushe, Jack Rodgers, James Lyons, Alan Pritchard, Doreen Cleary, Lena Macbeth, Eileen Bennett, Christopher Hegarty, Florrie McCandless. Seamus Bowman.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday

Beaumaris 6pm Saturday

Benllech 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday

Holyhead 10.30am Sunday, 11am Wednesday
10am Friday

Llangefni 11am Sunday, 11am Thursday

Rhosneigr 5pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR

ST MARY'S AND ST THERESE' will begin on 4th March.

The lessons will take place every Monday (except holidays) and the ceremony will take place on the 7th of July. To enrol your child **come to the parish office and collect a form, fill it in and return it to the parish office by this Monday 26th of February**. Your child must be a baptised Catholic and be in year 3 or older in primary school. There will be a parent's meeting this Tuesday 27th of February to talk about the programme.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

+ THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION -

BEAUMARIS & BENLLECH PARISH AREAS. If your child is 7 years of age or older they are eligible to be enrolled on the preparation course. *For an Enrolment Form please see one of our priests. For further information or queries contact Pauline Thomas:*

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE TIMES

AMLWCH: The service will take place in "The Barn", Rhosybol, next **Friday 1st March at 11 am** followed by lunch. Everyone is invited, including men! (*It used to be called Women's World Day of Prayer—but now open to all*). The service has been written by women in Palestine - very significant at this difficult time for that country.

BEAUMARIS: The Ecumenical Bi-Lingual Service takes place in St Mary & St Nicolas Church, next **Friday 1st March at 2.30pm.**

BENLLECH: The service takes place at St Andrew's Church, Benllech - next **Friday 1st March at 11am.**

HOLYHEAD: The services takes place on next **Friday 1st March at 2pm** in the English Methodist Church in Newry Street, Holyhead and also Dydd Gweddi'r Byd, at Bethel, Edmund Street Holyhead **at 2pm.**

"CONNECTIONS" The latest edition of the *Oblate Province Magazine* is available at the rear of our Churches for you to take - free.

ON THE WEEKEND OF 9/10 MARCH our two new priests Fr Godfrey and Fr Leo will take on the role of ministry in our six communities on Ynys Môn replacing Fr Joe and Fr Frank - who are eventually leaving to take up some form of active retirement elsewhere. We wish Frs Godfrey and Leo well as they minister here. And we also wish Frs Joe and Frank every best wish for their respective futures.

ANGLESEY PASTORAL COUNCIL The last 12 months has led to many changes in our Island Communities. The Anglesey Pastoral Council (formerly the Island Mission Group - IMG) is undergoing a process of reflection and development to respond to these changes. Each year the members go away for a weekend to plan for the year ahead and review the year that has passed. **This year they are going away from March 1st – 3rd**. An important part of this process is to listen to the views of everyone in our Island Mission of Anglesey. **If you have anything you would like to be addressed during the meeting then please email your questions or comments to priestholyhead@rcdwxm.org.uk or write to the Parish House, Holyhead or Parish House, Beaumaris, before this Monday 26th of February** so these concerns can be put into the planning schedule. This is a serious opportunity for your voice to be heard about anything to do with the Church and the Mission here on Ynys Môn. The Group Members look forward to hearing from you - as a barometer of how things have gone over the past number of years. Please pray for the success of this meeting.

CAKE STALL after 11am Mass on 3rd March in St Joseph's, Llangefni and the 9th March in Beaumaris after 6pm Mass at the back of church - just in time for Mothers' day. Proceeds go towards subsidising a trip to Plas Cadnant Gardens on 14th April (also organised by the Parish Social group, details to follow shortly). A tasty treat for a good cause - enjoy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister please let Fr Godfrey or Sr Miranda know.

THE WREXHAM DIOCESE is putting together a Youth Council. This is a call to all young people in this area. Let your voice be heard and join in by Zoom on the 28th February at 6.30pm. Help decisions to be made on what you would like to see and do in your communities. Recommended age 16+. Please contact Paige Hudson-Jones at paigesophia1728@gmail.com for more information".

JOAN WEST FROM THE BENLLECH COMMUNITY recently moved to her new home - St Lawrence House Residential Denton on Tuesday where she has been for five weeks. She sends everyone her good wishes. She is doing well, although rather frail and says she is very happy and wants to stay. Her birthday is in two weeks. - something to celebrate for those who know her.

THE SEASON OF LENT on YNYS MÔN 2024

LENTEN LUNCHESES in St Mary's, Holyhead, These lunches take place at 12noon - following on from 11am Mass and Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN LUNCHESES are also being served at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni at 12noon. Throughout Lent Mass in St Josephs on a Thursday at 11am. Proceeds from the Lenten Lunches go to CAFOD. The Llangefni community hold a coffee morning on the first Sunday of each month, after the 11am Mass or Service The proceeds go to parish funds. A donation of £100 has been sent recently. A warm welcome is extended to all.

EVENING PRAYER (for just 10mins) join via Zoom on Mondays through Lent - *Themes on Care for Creation*. Email paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for a Zoom link.

LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS WEEK 2 Remember to pick up the Lenten leaflet for Week 2 of Lent.

CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION. The annual Lenten collection for CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) will take place **this** weekend at all Churches on the Island

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS To help us journey through the Lenten days the "Walk with me" Booklets are available (in St Mary's and St Therese's) - with reflections for each of the days of the six weeks. Cost £1 each.

LENT TALKS - BBC RADIO 4 - MONDAYS AT 11PM: Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH HOLY WEEK": Holy Week Activity and Reflection Afternoon: 'St Mary's Hall, Holyhead (light lunch provided) - Saturday 23rd March: 12noon to 3.30pm.

ISLAND LENT RETREAT: "*The story of the Good Samaritan for today's society - with reflections from Pope Francis.*" led by Sr. Mary Jo McElroy. Saturday 9th March 10am tea & Coffee to start at 10.30am – finishing at 3pm, St Mary's Hall, Holyhead. Bring a packed Lunch.

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE: 7pm Tuesday 27th February, Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for a Zoom link to the Session.

FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2024 EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 COURSE 11am via Zoom:

Session 15 'Foreign Missions' Growing in knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) is available with Fr Godfrey on request.