

# 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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*Third Sunday of Lent - 3rd March 2024*

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**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:**

Esther Duggan, Peter Conlon, Ernie Pritchard, Tom Callow, Ilsa Windmuller, Des Jones, Paddy Kelly, Violet Lilley, Chris Cranley, Patrick & Kathleen Rigney, Julie Thomas, Terence Whitley, Mike Smith, Peter Davis, Florence Jackson, Kathleen Thompson, Vincent Mayne

## **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, No 11am Mass due to evening Mass at 6.30pm. (see below)

**Rhosneigr** 5pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

**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*

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**NEXT WEEKEND** 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 leaving soon to take up some form of active retirement elsewhere. We wish Frs Godfrey and Leo well as they minister here. And wish Frs Joe and Frank every best wish for their respective futures.

There is a Mass of Thanksgiving for their ministry over a long period of time (collectively almost 25 years)

supporting and developing the Island Ministry. All are invited to be present. There is a buffet after the Mass so - "bring a filled plate" with whatever you want to nibble on!

**THE MASS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST JOSEPH'S, LLANGEFNI THIS THURSDAY (MARCH 7TH) AT 6.30PM.**

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

**ANGLESEY PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The last 12 months has led to many changes in our Island Communities—the closure of Menai Bridge Church being one of the more important for the community who worshipped there, as well as the arrival of our two new priests and the imminent departure of Frs Joe and Frank. The Anglesey Pastoral Council (APC - 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. They are away this weekend at St Augustine's Priory in Old Colwyn. An important part of this process is to listen to the views of everyone in our Island Mission of Anglesey - views of which were sought in this Newsletter over the past couple of weeks. Let us remember them in prayer that God's Holy Spirit will inspire and enthuse them in their deliberations and decision making for the furtherance of the Mission within our 6 Faith Communities on Anglesey. The list of participants at the Priory (and their respective places of worship) are: Stephen Cottam (Beaumaris), Darren Groom (Holyhead), Amy Hayes (Beaumaris), Christine Hunt (Holyhead) Fr Godfrey, Kathy Kenny (Benllech), Carol Love (Benllech), Rhian Lloyd Williams (Rhosneigr), Fr Leo, Sr Miranda (Holyhead), Sue Roberts (Amlwch), Stephen Smith (Benllech), John Tierney (Rhosneigr), Pauline Thomas (Llangefni), Patsy Thomas (Beaumaris).

**CAKE STALL** after 11am Mass this Sunday 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!

**THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COORDINATOR FOR CAFOD** (Liverpool and North Wales area), Colette Byrne, visited the Island last week. Unfortunately she could only come to Holyhead for the Lenten Lunch, but wanted to thank all the people in the various communities on Anglesey for the generosity of spirit and the monetary contributions given to CAFOD, not just this Lent, but over many years. Our Island has a proud reputation for supporting and giving generously to this charity. CAFOD's **Big Lenten Walk** in England and Wales kicked off on Ash Wednesday, with thousands of individuals, schools and parishes signing up to walk 200 kilometres during Lent and raising sponsorship money to help people tackling extreme poverty globally. More than 100,000 schoolchildren from more than 400 schools are taking part and more than 100 parish groups are signed up. **In Holyhead there is the Little Lenten Walk organised by Paige Hudson Jones who is urging people to sign sponsorship forms at the back of St Mary's Church for the CAFOD charity. Get a form, sign up and be assured your sponsorship money will be used wisely toward helping those less fortunate. The Walk takes place on Saturday 16th March.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.** Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested? contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

### **THE SEASON OF LENT on YNYS MÔN 2024**

**LENTEN LUNCH** St Joseph's, Llangefni are cancelled this week (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) due to preparations for our Island Celebratory Mass at 6.30pm.

**GROWING IN POTS:** St Joseph's Church, Llangefni Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 11am following 10am Mass. Novices and experienced growers of salad and veg come and join the group to start growing food in pots.

**FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024 EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 COURSE** 11am via Zoom: **Session 16** Growing in knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene.

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

**EVENING PRAYER** (for just 10mins) join via Zoom on Mondays through Lent - *Themes on Care for Creation*.

Email [paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com) for a Zoom link.

**LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS WEEK 3:** Remember to pick up the Lenten leaflet for Week 3 of Lent.

**CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND.** £374 was collected from St Mary's Holyhead and St Therese's Rhosneigr. Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

**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.

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