

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON ANGLESEY

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

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We pray for those who are sick at this time - at home, in our nursing homes and in hospital -

We pray also for those who have died recently -
Jayne Pritchard Williams, John Matthew, Dorothy Cully.

And for those who have anniversaries around this time: George Williams, Sarah Horton, Mary O'Neill, Leo Gavan, Kath Payne, Peter Thomas, Bunty Clowes, Betty Corrigan, Margaret Pycraft, John McMullen, Patrick O'Sullivan, and William Elwyn Jones.

ON THE WEEKEND OF 22/23 APRIL
the time of weekend Mass in Holyhead and Rhosneigr will change.

Mass in Rhosneigr will be on Saturday Evenings at 6pm, with the one Mass in Holyhead taking place at 10.30 am on Sunday Mornings.

Thus: from that weekend onwards no Saturday evening Mass in Holyhead and no Sunday morning Mass in Rhosneigr.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris 6pm Saturday,
Benllech 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
Menai Bridge not open
Holyhead 6pm Saturday, 11am Sunday, 11am Wednesday followed by Stations Of The Cross, 10am Friday
Llangefni 11am Sunday, 11am 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*

DON'T FORGET THE DAY OF REFLECTION which is being led by Fr Brian Maher OMI on Saturday 25th March 10.30 – 3pm, St Mary's Hall, Holyhead. *Creation, Death and Resurrection ~ God's eternal dance.*

Tea and Coffee will be served at 10am. The Day of Reflection begins at 10.30 through to 3pm. We are very happy to welcome Fr Brian back once again to lead this Day of Reflection. It is intended as a prayerful, meditation on the Easter mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. *Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the Earth as 'our common home' will be central to this day.* **Please bring a packed lunch.**

MANY THANKS to all who contributed so generously to the second collection at Masses in Holyhead and Rhosneigr last weekend. This was the annual Lenten collection of money to support CAFOD (the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development). It amounted to £612.73. The total amount of money sent to CAFOD from Holyhead/Rhosneigr parishioners was £1165.88. This includes Lenten Lunches and donations handed in during the year. This amount of money is a tribute to the generosity of parishioners of both Churches. Some of this money will be used to alleviate the suffering of people caught up in the earthquakes on the Turkey/Syria border. This collection for CAFOD is ongoing: Three Lenten Lunches to come, plus the money from the Social (Line-Dancing) evening last weekend.

Talking of which: the Social Evening last Saturday in St Mary's Hall was a huge success with a packed hall. Many thanks to the Social Events Team who organised everything, to TJ Ho and her Vietnamese family who cooked the oriental supper (enjoyed by all and none left over!), and to Jim Sampson who expertly (and very patiently!) led us in the line dancing moves!

LENTEN LEAFLETS 2023: The third Lenten Leaflet for this 3rd Sunday of Lent is available. It contains prayers, a Gospel Reflection based on the Sunday Readings and questions for us to reflect on as we journey through Lent. Please take one home with you to use during the week. It is available at the rear of our Churches.

Visit the new 'Lent 2023' page on the website for resources and events to take part in and enrich your Lenten Journey.

LENTEN JOURNEY FRIDAYS 11AM – 12.30 via Zoom *Come together to follow the Lenten Journey videos:*

Friday 17th March Session 3: Gender and the Common Good Companion ~ Tina Beattie

Friday 24th March Session 4: Politics and the Common Good Companions ~ Philippa Whitford

Friday 31st March Session 5: Synodality and the Common Good Companion ~ Birgit Weiler

Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for a zoom link to the Friday Group Sessions. All are welcome.

LENTEN LUNCHEES IN HOLYHEAD: The Lenten lunches will continue each Wednesday 12 noon during Lent. Soup, bread, cheese, tea & coffee. £3 per person. A lot of hard work and time is given voluntarily by those who make the soups and prepare the Hall. Please come along to support.

LENTEN LUNCHEES IN ST JOSEPH'S, LLANGEFNI: every Thursday: - 12noon following 11am Mass. All donations for Cafod.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD On Saturday 18th March 9am –12noon, we are invited to join with the universal Church around the world in observing "24 Hours for The Lord" This time of quiet prayer and reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for confession and Benediction will be held in St Joseph's Church, Llangefni. *All are Welcome.*

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE to take part in World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon.

The Oblate Pilgrimage 31st July – 9th August 2023: Ages 18-35 A number of places available.

This Oblate Pilgrimage is heavily subsidised. If you know of anyone who might be interested aged 18-35 contact Pauline Thomas as well as email Pdraig Corcoran to register interest (p.corcoran@oblates.ie Tel: +353(87)7723255).

The places are being filled very quickly so contact ASAP to assure a place.

HOLYHEAD + RHOSNEIGR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: At the rear of the Churches there are the new Offertory Envelope Boxes. Please collect the box that has your name on it. If you do not use this method of contributing to the weekly Parish Collection you may like to consider doing so. Please contact Helen in the Parish Office who will arrange it (01407 762457).

THE ISLAND MISSION GROUP (IMG) are away this weekend at the Retreat House of Noddfa in Penmaenmawr. This group consists of representatives from our 7 Faith Communities on Anglesey (Amlwch, Benllech, Holyhead, Rhosneigr, Beaumaris, Llangefni, Menai Bridge) who come together regularly to discuss matters relevant to our parish life. The IMG could be likened to a Parish Council for the whole Island. They had in the past been going away annually but Covid stopped that for the past few years. They have many things to discuss, review, and implement, so let us hold them in our prayers that there may be good guidance from the Holy Spirit in all their deliberations.

ON THIS DAY (12TH MARCH) IN 1945 Anne Frank died of typhus in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen. She was 15 years old. A few weeks later the camp was liberated. Along with her family and four other Jews, Anne hid from the Nazis in concealed rooms in what had been her father's offices on the Prinsengracht in the city of Amsterdam, Netherland. For more than two years they were secure there, unknown to those who worked in the building, except for a friend who arranged to get food for them. They were betrayed in 1944 and all eight were sent to the death camps. Only Anne's father - Otto Frank - survived. Anne Frank's story is now known to millions across the world because of the diary that she kept about her innermost thoughts during those years in hiding. Her father discovered the diary on his return to their hiding-place, once the war ended. "*The Diary of Anne Frank*" has sold millions of copies and has been printed in over 50 languages. Here is an excerpt from Anne's diary dated Saturday 15th July 1944: "*It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness. I hear the ever approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end and that peace and tranquility will return again. In the meantime, I must uphold my ideals, for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out.*"