

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 10th March 2024

Dear Fr Joe and Fr Frank -
We, members of the Oblate Religious Congregation and the people we are in partnership with on Ynys Môn, take this opportunity to share our gratitude with both of you for your timely service with the people in the Oblate Mission on Anglesey. We assure you of our prayers and wish you the very best in your continued journey through life wherever you may be.

Blessings –

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We pray for those who are sick at this time:

We pray also for those who have died recently:

And those who have anniversaries around this time:

Bunty Clowes, Betty Corrigan, Edward Murphy, John McMullen, Patrick Sullivan, Winnie Maguire, Margaret Gormley, Kathleen Thompson, Vincent Mayne, Fred Simm, George Williams, Sarah Horton, Mary O'Neil, Leo Gavan.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch	4pm Saturday,	Tuesday 10am
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday	
Benllech	10am Sunday,	Wednesday 10am
Holyhead	10.30am Sunday,	Wednesday 11am
		Friday - School Mass 10am
Llangefni	11am Sunday,	Thursday 11am
Rhosneigr	5pm Saturday,	No Mass this 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*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*, a celebration very much like *Gaudete Sunday* in Advent. For each of those Sundays, we can use rose-coloured vestments, and both Latin words can be translated, “rejoice.” Both also announce to us that we are drawing ever closer to the feast for which we are preparing (Christmas for *Gaudete Sunday*, and Easter for *Laetare Sunday*). This day has also come to be known as '*Mothering Sunday*'. Many years ago, people made a point of visiting their nearest big church (the Mother Church) on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Young girls and boys 'in service' were only allowed one day to visit their family each year, and this was usually Mothering Sunday. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother. Sometimes a gift of eggs; or flowers from the garden was allowed. So today is one of the many days to show our mothers our appreciation if alive, and if not... then a thoughtful and prayerful remembrance at Mass this weekend.

Motherhood was never easy,
not for Mary, not for us.
There's longing in it,
waiting, pain,
hard work and tight budgets.
But you, creating God,
come that way,
lighting with glory
the bond of trust
and humble devotion.
Speak to us God,
through our mothers
that we may know
your steadfast love.



Happy Mothering Sunday!

THE SEASON OF LENT on YNYS MÔN 2024

LENTEN LUNCH in St Joseph's Church, Llangefni: Thursday 14th March at 12noon. Proceeds to CAFOD.

LENTEN LUNCH in St Mary's Hall, Holyhead: 12noon - following on from 11am Mass and Stations of the Cross. Like the Llangefni Lenten Lunch the proceeds also go to Cafod along with the money raised in the super raffle which takes place near the end of the lunch. Wonderful and unexpected prizes to be won by those who participate!

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

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.

EVENING PRAYER: Monday 11th March 7pm *Week 4 of Lent (just 10mins) Themes on Care for Creation* via Zoom: Email paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for the link.

EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 COURSE 11am via Zoom: FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024:

Session 16: *'St Eugene's Final Years and Legacy'*.

REMEMBER to pick up the **LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLET FOR WEEK 4 OF LENT** at the rear of our Churches.

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

LANGEFNI DONATION: St Joseph Llangefni parishioners hold a coffee morning on the first Sunday of each month after the 11am Mass. The proceeds go to parish funds, A donation of £100 has been sent recently. A warm welcome is extended to one and all!

BEAUMARIS & AMLWCH PARISH AREAS: Preparation for 1st Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If your child is 7 years of age or older they are eligible to be enrolled on the preparation course.

For an Enrolment Leaflet please see one of our priests. For further information or queries contact:

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is usually being celebrated at this time of year, but as it is the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade Foundation, there will be big celebrations in September. You may have heard the phrase "Trade not Aid". Obviously aid is needed in emergency and natural disaster situations but farmers in poor countries overseas want to sell their crops for a fair price, to trade out of poverty, with health and education facilities So as we are journeying toward Easter and the great Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, we might also be thinkingEaster Eggs.... chocolate! So let us use our buying power to support the

farmers. Look out for the **Fairtrade Logo** which guarantees a fair price for their crops supporting them to trade out of poverty. Lidl has lots of Fairtrade chocolate and Easter eggs, Co-op has also got Fairtrade coffee, tea, bananas, sugar and wine! The core FAIRTRADE Mark is recognised around the world. An amazing 93% of UK shoppers recognise it and 83% trust it when deciding whether a product is ethical. **The FAIRTRADE Mark** is a registered certification label for products sourced from producers in lower income countries. The Mark is used only on products certified in accordance with Fairtrade Standards and on promotional materials to encourage people to buy Fairtrade products. As Fairtrade has grown, we have developed new ways to connect farmers to business to increase their Fairtrade sales, bring more Fairtrade benefits to them, and give you more ways to support Fairtrade farmers through your shopping.

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING was held in St Joseph's Church Llangefni on Thursday evening last. Everyone from all over the Island was invited and the church was full with parishioners from our six Faith Communities. The occasion was to say "Goodbye" to Frs Joe and Frank after nearly 25 years between them of ministry on the Island. You may still see them around as their respective departures are being arranged. The priests were presented with a generous monetary gift each, which was collected from parishioners from all our churches in previous months. After the joyful - but sad occasion for many - there was a wonderful buffet of food brought by many people. The noise level went up as we mingled and chatted, made acquaintance with people and were reunited with friends not seen for some time. A huge thank you to those who -- prepared the church, organised the liturgy, brought food, served the teas and coffees - as well as to all who travelled to be part of this special moment on Ynys Môn. Diolch yn Fawr!