

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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4th Sunday of the Year - 28th January 2024

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We pray for those who are sick at this time:

We pray also for those who have died recently:

Brendan Lynskey and Steven Burns.

Those who have anniversaries around this time:

Morwenna Humphreys, Frank Smyth, Thomas Nevin, Debs Wilson, Pamela Murphy, Joe Rowan, Mary Smith, Paula Thomas, Bethany & Catherine Wyn Jones, Elizabeth Gaffey (Benty), Geraldine Shannon and Shane Newman, Phillip O'Neill, Kenneth Foley, Kathleen McKeever, Clare Ruddin, Joe Guiney, Moira Attara.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday

Beaumaris 6pm Saturday

Benllech 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday

Holyhead 10.30am Sunday, 10am Wednesday & **NO MASS** Friday (Funeral Service 11am).

Llangefni 11am Sunday, 10am Thursday

Rhosneigr 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 / click on *Mobile*

THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF STEVEN BURNS aged 44 (of Holyhead), who died suddenly in December, will take place in St Mary's Church on Friday 2nd February at 11am. Please remember his loved ones at this very sad time.

SILENT VIGIL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

this 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.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service this year takes place (as well as in other venues on Anglesey) on Friday 1st March at 2pm in the English Methodist Church in Newry Street, Holyhead.

During Lent in St Mary's Holyhead, after the Wednesday Mass and Stations of the Cross there is organised a Lenten Lunch and Raffle. If you have any left over Christmas presents that are not in use it would be appreciated if you would donate them to the Wednesday Raffle Draw. All money raised goes to CAFOD.

RACIAL JUSTICE THIS SUNDAY : “Seeing one another in the life of the Church” - 28th January 2024

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. Racial harmony works best when we have a shared experience. When we have a shared experience, we stop seeing differences and see similarities instead. On this Racial Justice Sunday we are invited to see Catholicism as that shared experience. In particular we are invited to look to our Catholic saints around the globe and celebrate their heroic deeds. Parishes may mark the day by praying the following: **God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our sisters and brothers; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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 each time 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.

PILGRIMAGE 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 2nd September and return on 6th 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 patriciahughes2017@gmail.com

ISLAND LENT RETREAT Saturday 9th March led by Sr. Mary Jo McElroy from the Noddfa Spirituality Centre. 10am tea & Coffee to start at 10.30am – 3pm. Bring a packed Lunch. Watch out for further information.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS, Archbishop of Westminster, has stressed that our prayers must continue after more than 100 days of war in Gaza: “*The 100 days of warfare in Gaza and Israel illustrate, yet again, the horrors of war and the reinforcing of the barriers of hatred that it creates. “Our 100 days of prayer are not futile and our prayer must continue, not only for peace in the wider Middle East but also in Ukraine and all other areas riven by conflict. “The local Church tells us that the parish of the Holy Family in Gaza continues to be a place of safety for over 600 people, including over 50 severely disabled and very vulnerable children. They need our prayers and practical help financially. So, too, we pray for all those involved in current negotiations to bring additional humanitarian aid to the beleaguered people of Gaza and medical aid to the hostages. Tireless efforts in negotiations are essential. This war and violence against the innocent must end. The hostages must be released. People must be able to live in peace. The long, slow work of reconstruction has to begin, sooner or later, on the ruined foundations of life in Gaza and in Israel. The challenges are immense and the dangers facing the world immediate and deeply troubling.*”

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 2024: “Eugene de Mazenod 101 Course”: 11am via Zoom. **Session 11 ‘Daring New Ways to Reach People’s Hearts - the Mazenodian Family threatened’.** 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’ 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 1st February, 7pm, St Joseph’s Church, Llangefni

LAUDATO SI’ ACTION PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday 6th February, 3pm via Zoom

Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for the Zoom sessions.

THE NEW PROVINCIAL OF THE ANGLO-IRISH PROVINCE has just been announced. It is to be Fr Lorcan O’Reilly who is no stranger to a great number of parishioners here on Anglesey. Fr Lorcan served in Holyhead/Rhosneigr as a young priest alongside Fr Sean McDermott for a number of years prior to Fr Sean’s retirement. He then took over the mantle of Parish priest. He will be remembered by many as one of the Oblate organisers of the Pilgrimages to Lourdes which take place each September, as well as his ministry here amongst the youth and young families. At present he is in the Oblate Retreat Centre in Crewe. He will take up his position of leadership as Provincial in June when he will take over from Fr Oliver Barry who ends his term as Provincial after 6 years in the role. Congratulations to Fr Lorcan - and let us assure him of our prayers and best wishes for the future in his ministry as Provincial.