

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”

The Oblate Centre of Mission on Anglesey is part of the Diocese of Wrexham: Reg Charity: 700426
6th Sunday of the Year - 11th February 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 Josephine O'Brien, Tony Daibell

And those who have anniversaries around this time:

Graham Burnell, Teresa Smyth, Madeleine Jones, Kathleen Maude-Roxby, Patrick McNamee, Mary Grant Dolan, Joan Hunt, Ronald Nicholson, Martin Lawrence Gildhart, Ann Brady, Alice Corbett, Patricia Jones, Peter Clune, Alice Singleton, Sergius Matveieff, Nora Nugent, Ceinwen Huws.

The Funeral Service for Maureen O'Brien will take place in St Mary's Church, on Friday 23rd Feb at 1pm.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday

Beaumaris 6pm Saturday, 7pm Wednesday

Benllech 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday

Holyhead 10.30am Sunday, 11am + 7pm Wednesday,
no Mass on Friday

Llangefni 11am Sunday, 11am Thursday

Rhosneigr 5pm Saturday, 6pm Thursday

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY -

please note the times (and possible change of time) of Masses around the Island. Ashes will be distributed on Tuesday at the 10am Mass in Amlwch, on Wednesday at the morning and evening Masses in Holyhead, on Thursday at the evening Mass in Rhosneigr.

With Ash Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent—the period of 6 weeks leading us to Holy Week and to “*those three days*” - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME IN 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. If you would like to enrol your child you need to **come to the parish office and collect a form, fill it in and return it to the parish office by 26th of February**. Your child must be a baptised Catholic and be in year 3 or above in primary school. There will be a parent's meeting on Tuesday 27th of February to talk about the programme.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND 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:* paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com

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.

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. These lunches take place at 12noon—following on from 11am Mass and Stations of the Cross.

ALSO - VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Sunday tea and coffee rota. If you can help please sign up.

LENTEN LUNCHES are also being served at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni 12noon Thursdays throughout Lent beginning this Thursday. Proceeds to CAFOD.

CAFOD COLLECTION. The annual Lenten collection for CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) will take place on the weekend of 24th/25th February.

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 will be distributed each week of Lent along with the Island Newsletter.

"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 -Saturday 9th March led by Sr. Mary Jo McElroy from the Noddfa Spirituality Centre. 10am tea & Coffee to start at 10.30am – finishing at 3pm. The venue is St Mary's Hall, Holyhead. Bring a packed Lunch. Watch out for further information.

EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 COURSE Friday February 16th 11am via Zoom:

Session 13 'Daring to be like Gold in the Furnace of Purification' Growing in knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene.

THE KUSENBERGER CHAIR OF OBLATE STUDIES is delighted to welcome Fr. Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, the Superior General of the Oblate Order, for a Public Lecture, "Understanding Our Shared Charism," on February 17, 2024
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fr-luis-ignacio-rois-alonso-omi-2024-kusenberger-lecture-tickets-788505781017?aff=oddtcreator> There is the option to participate on Zoom and it is also being recorded.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" from Ruth Langley (Amlwch) for all the used postage stamps that were collected in various places around the Island., especially during the Christmas Season. These stamps are sent off to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Charity. Please keep collecting them over the year as every little helps.

LENT: For many people, Lent is an endurance test: we decide on a penance, usually giving up something, then follows six weeks of struggle to keep to that decision, much as we may make our New Year resolutions, and very often with similar success - or lack thereof! But there is more to the idea of penance. First of all, it is to make us more conscious of God in our lives: it is meant to remind us of the Lord so that, if we deny ourselves something, we are meant to reflect on why we have given it up, to remind ourselves of Jesus' sacrifice of himself for us, and to encourage us to deepen our relationship with God. Lenten penance, self denial, is not primarily an exercise in will power or the opportunity to lose weight. We may well decide that it is a good opportunity to adopt a healthier lifestyle, but perhaps we might always begin by thinking about ourselves as disciples of Jesus and reflecting on whether we might adjust our behaviour and attitudes so that we live out our Christian vocation more fully. The three traditional aspects of Lent are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. First is **prayer**, communion with the Lord; **fasting**, self denial, comes next; and then **almsgiving**, the giving of the money we have saved to those in need, is one result of our Lenten penance. We are daughters and sons of God through our baptism: this Lent, the Holy Spirit is asking us to reflect on how we each understand that truth. Have a Happy Lent! **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. They cost £1 each.**

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