

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

1st Sunday of Advent Year B 10th December 2023

Fr Frank has now been discharged from hospital. However he has been advised he will need a long period of convalescence to assist his recovery. Fr Frank is very grateful for all the support, prayers and good wishes that he is receiving.

CHANGES ON THE ISLAND

In any parish in any diocese changes in personnel are made – sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances, often due to age and physical inability. And it is the same within the Oblate Family. The Provincial, Fr Oliver Barry, along with his Council, met in early autumn to rearrange the personnel of Oblate priests in our Province of the UK and Ireland. There are a number of changes being made – but the ones that will be of interest to our Faith Communities on Anglesey are: that both Fr Joe and Fr Frank are leaving and going into some kind of active retirement within other Oblate communities. Fr. Godfrey Joel OMI will provide supply to the Anglesey Pastoral Area from this weekend with a view to being appointed as Moderator subject to the approval of Bishop Brignall. Fr. Leo Philomin, subject to the approval of Bishop Brignall will be appointed as assistant Moderator on a part time basis. Fr. Leo will exercise another provincial appointment. These moves were going to happen in the New Year but Fr Frank's incapacity due to infection has acted as a catalyst for more immediate action. And that immediate action starts this weekend with the arrival of Fr Godfrey. We wish him every blessing and happiness in this new appointment. *Fr Frank and Fr Joe*

For over twenty years Anglesey has been working towards keeping our communities going if we lost a priest. The last month has shown just how far we have come and that all that hard work has been worth it. I would like to thank all our communities who have risen to the challenge with good grace. Christine Hunt Co Chair of the IMG/APC

TIME OF MASSES/SERVICES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch	4pm Saturday, Tuesday 10am
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday,
Benllech	10am Sunday, Wednesday 10am
Llangefni	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
Holyhead	10.30am Sunday, Wednesday 10am
Rhosneigr	5pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

THE PARISH OFFICE IS HOPEFULLY BEING STAFFED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 10-4PM

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

May Kane, Annie Jane Evans, Father Owen McGreal OMI (St. Mary's College, Colwyn Bay)

AND THOSE WHO HAVE ANNIVERSARIES AROUND THIS TIME:

Trevor Jones, Jim Gallery, Olive McCarthy, Tony Pugh, William Hayes, John Allsop, James Fieldsend, Frank Mooney, Margaret Beckett, Margaret Douch, Gerry Burnell, Ernest Anthony, Jimmy Evans, Ken Nolan-Jones, Robert Prince.

ADVENT WITH CAFOD 2023

Merciful God,
You sent John the Baptist to preach repentance. Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong, when we have hurt other people and damaged our earth. Lead us to make a change, to live differently, preparing a way and making your paths straight.



Amen

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

As we journey together through Advent there are plenty of resources and events for us to enrich our Advent experience. Please take and pray with a copy of the Island Advent leaflet which will be available each week. We also have Walk with Me booklets

PLEASE NOTE CHOIR CONCERT SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER - IS CANCELLED

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED after 10am Mass in Benllech this Sunday and after mass in Holyhead.

THE LIGHTHOUSE (the Holyhead charity that St Mary's contributes to every week bringing food items brought in by parishioners at Sunday Mass) would like to thank you for all your donations. They are currently needing fresh fruit and vegetables. Also at Christmas they are working with Mon Cf to collect items for Christmas boxes that will be handed out to homeless people. If you would like to donate an item for this between now and Christmas we will pass these on. Items for example: hats, gloves, toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks. This is our Advent appeal.

FRIDAY MORNING 15TH DECEMBER 11AM VIA ZOOM : Eugene de Mazenod 101 Session 5: 'Daring to be Formed into a Loving Disciple' 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. Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com for a link to the Zoom session

Advent Afternoon Saturday 16th December 12.30 – 3.30pm

You are invited to an Advent Afternoon in St. Mary's Holyhead Parish Hall on December 16th 12.30 to 3.30p.m.

Take time out and join with others in preparing for Christmas. Children, grandchildren, mums, dads, Grandparents, family and friends. All are welcome (no charge). Share a light lunch and join in craft activities, make a Christmas Wreath for your front door and decorations for the tree and more... Join us as we get ready to celebrate Christmas.

You are asked to book a place if you are intending to come along so that we can supply sufficient craft resources and food.

PLEASE EMAIL: paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com OR PHONE HOLYHEAD OFFICE: 01407 76245

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

REFLECTION EVENINGS EVERY TUESDAY DURING ADVENT FROM 8-9PM [BST] ON THE FOLLOWING THEME:"A LIGHT IN

THE DARKNESS" : You are invited to join De Mazenod House Retreat and Spirituality Centre, London online for a series of Advent Reflection Evenings every Tuesday during Advent from 8-9pm [BST] The dates are: 12th & 19th of December. If you would like to register your interest in attending, and have not yet already done so, please visit <http://eepurl.com/hOgE6r>

Friday Morning 15th December 11am via Zoom

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CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES are available to pick up at the back of church— please take one and perhaps take one for a neighbour or friend?

VIGIL FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

There will be a silent vigil in the Oratory to pray for peace in the Holy Land on Wednesday 13th of December from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. All are welcome.

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE TICKET.

We have an unclaimed prize for the ticket Surname Maguire. Ticket number 591 (pink border on white). We have tried phoning the number but with no success. If this is your ticket then please contact the office to claim your prize.

OMI REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

We have some leaflets from the funeral of Fr Martin O'Keefe. Every year there is a remembrance service held in Inchicore for all the Oblate who have died during the year. This takes place on the first Saturday in November. A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend. They are also live streamed on <https://oblateparishinchicore.ie>

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE TO OUR CEMETERY COLLECTION. WE RAISED £760.74. MANY THANKS.