

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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The Feast of Christ the King 2023

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ;

Fr Martin O'Keefe

AND THOSE WHO HAVE ANNIVERSARIES AROUND THIS TIME:

Margaret (Meg) Jones, Margaret Fielding, Catherine Mayne, William Fisk, Tony Raynor, Francis Walsh, Teresa Bennett, Patrick Guest, Joseph Hughes, Veronica White, Anthony Enright, Raymond Jones, Maureen Cove, Jean Gibbons,

TIME OF MASSES/SERVICES ON ANGLESEY

AT THE MOMENT WE CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER THE WILL BE MASSES OR SERVICES OF WORD AND COMMUNION

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 MANNED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 10-2PM

UPDATE ABOUT FR FRANK

Fr Frank was admitted to Ysbyty Gwynedd on Tuesday 7th November. Two days before he had celebrated Mass as usual in Holyhead with no indication of any medical issues. But on the Monday and then on the Tuesday pain in his leg became so bad that he could not walk – even with assistance. His right knee, shin and foot were very badly swollen and very red. He was taken to A+E and admitted very quickly.

In hospital they extracted two phials of a liquid from under his knee and decided it was some form of infection which had appeared very quickly and then spread down the leg. They could not decide where the infection came from or how long it had been dormant before becoming very active and very infectious.

The next day, Wednesday 8th November, under general anaesthetic, the knee was opened up to reveal a mass of infection. This was “washed out” with antibiotics and closed up. An antibiotic drip was given twice a day to try to flush out any remaining infection. There was also the danger of blood clots in the veins. However, as the days went by, it did not improve. It was also increasingly difficult for Fr Frank to move around due to the pain in the joint of the knee and also the inability to support himself on the infected leg.

The antibiotic infusion was changed to a much stronger one and to be applied once per day. After many days of infusions, injections for blood clots, and blood being taken away for analysis it would appear that the infection is slowly receding - even if the outward symptoms of redness and swelling are still very much present. The medical team are confident that they are now on top of the situation although there may be a long way to go - especially with the need for physiotherapy to help restore proper movement to the joints. A big word of thanks to all at Ogwen Ward who are caring for Fr Frank, doing a wonderful ministry and very friendly with it.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Sunday 10th December after 10.30am Mass in Holyhead. A festive celebration of mince pies and cakes, tombola, various stalls and a Raffle. Donations to the stalls - Bric a Brac, Cakes, books etc - very welcome.

CHOIR CONCERT SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER - 7pm in St Mary's Church. Holyhead Male Voice Choir plus other guests will be singing a variety of popular songs including Christmas Carols. More information to follow. Tickets on sale from Hefin and the Parish Office and at the door. £5 each. Proceeds towards the renovation of House, Hall and Oratory in Holyhead.

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED after 10am Mass in Benllech this Sunday and after the 10.30am Mass in Holyhead.

IF ANYONE HAS AN HOUR TO SPARE ONCE PER MONTH to help on the Church cleaning team in St Marys, Holyhead - it would be greatly appreciated. We really need the help. Contact the Parish Office.

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 1ST DECEMBER 11AM VIA ZOOM : Eugene de Mazenod 101 Course Session 4: 'Daring to Listen to God's Call'. 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. Each session will include a video of around 20 minutes. Followed by reflection and conversation. To register to participate in these sessions email: paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE FOR THE COMING SUNDAY VIA ZOOM: Tuesday 28th November:

ISLAND ADVENT RETREAT DAY: Saturday 9th December, St Mary's Hall, Holyhead, 10.30am 3.30pm 'Journeying through the Wilderness as we become Pilgrims of Hope' led by Kirk Jacob from Partners in Mission. Please bring a packed lunch.

ADVENT WORKSHOP AFTERNOON Saturday 16th December 12.30 – 3.30pm

REFLECTION EVENINGS EVERY TUESDAY DURING ADVENT FROM 8-9PM [BST] ON THE FOLLOWING THEME:"A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" : 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 first talk will commence on Tuesday 5th December at 8pm. The other 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>

ADVENT JOURNEY 2023 HOSTED BY THE SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK (SLN) WEBINARS 7pm Thursdays through Advent

Thursday 30th November: Waiting in Grief for Peace ~ The Power of Lament - Companion ~ Alison Phipps - In the midst of suffering and desolation how do we manage to grieve and do justice to those we grieve for? The wisdom, and power of Lamentation.

Thursday 7th December: Guilty Bystanders? - Companion ~ Muriel Pearson We aspire to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, but none of us is guiltless. From Thomas Merton - The Gifts of a Guilty Bystander

Thursday 14th December: Finding Light: Embracing Hope Amidst Grief and Lament Companion ~ Omar Haramy Amidst Suffering: The Need and Power of Listening to Voices in Grief.

Thursday 21st December Liturgy of Lamentation - Companions ~ Hyab Yohannes and friends Through prayer, silence, song, story, and images we reimagine the gift of the Incarnation in 2023.

This is the link for the programme and also to get full details

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11PftTiDuAGbCD4oTx89JpPAUgZLTpUXw/view?usp=sharing>

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/2V9Ck5ZiXw3N3bee7>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES BENLLECH

There will be a collection for flowers for Christmas after Mass/service this Sunday 26th November and Sunday 3rd December

WALK WITH ME LEAFLETS FOR ADVENT : available at the back of church—£1.00.