

# 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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**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:**

Jim McEnhill, Francis Magee, Menna Lloyd - Hamilton,

Elizabeth Walker, John Clarke, Helen Wright,

Wayne Boylan, Charles Dudgeon, Marie Moran,

Nellie O'Hanlon, Martin Bradbury, Mary Staunton,

Vera Peet, Pauline Hughes.

**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

**Benllech** 10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday

**Holyhead** 10.30am Sunday, 11am Wednesday

10am Friday

**Llangefni** 11am Sunday, 11am Thursday

**Rhosneigr** 5pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 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 Feb 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](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com)*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE TIMES

**AMLWCH:** The service will take place in "The Barn", Rhosybol, on Friday 1st March at 11 am followed by lunch. Everyone is invited, including men! (*It used to be called Women's World Day of Prayer—but now open to all*). The service has been written by women in Palestine - very significant at this difficult time for that country.

**BEAUMARIS:** The Ecumenical Bi-Lingual Service takes place in St Mary & St Nicolas Church, Friday 1st March at 2.30pm.

**BENLLECH:** The service takes place at St Andrew's Church, Benllech - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 11am.

**HOLYHEAD & RHOSNEIGR:** The service takes place on Friday 1st March at 2pm in the English Methodist Church in Newry Street, Holyhead.

**"CONNECTIONS"** The latest edition of the Oblate Province Magazine is available at the rear of our Churches for you to take - free.

## LENT 2024

**LENTEN LUNCHES** in St Mary's, Holyhead, These lunches take place at 12noon - following on from 11am Mass and Stations of the Cross.

**LENTEN LUNCHES** are also being served at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni at 12noon. Throughout Lent Mass in St Josephs on a Thursday at 11am. Proceeds from the Lenten Lunches go to CAFOD. The Llangefni community hold a coffee morning on the first Sunday of each month, after the 11am Mass or Service The proceeds go to parish funds. A donation of £100 has been sent recently. A warm welcome is extended to all.

**EVENING PRAYER** (for just 10mins) join via Zoom on Mondays through Lent - *Themes on Care for Creation*.

Email [paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com) for a Zoom link.

**LENTEN REFLECTION LEAFLETS** will be distributed each week of Lent along with the Island Newsletter.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23rd February 2024** This weekend there will be a short CAFOD talk at each Service across our Island Communities in preparation for Family Fast Day, No one should have to risk everything to feed their family. This Lenten Fast Day focuses on the fishermen of Liberia who risk their lives on stormy seas to feed their families. Your donations can buy signalling mirrors, GPS to track fish and help find safety in a storm, as well as life jackets. Your donations can help hard working people make a living safely. **Please take a donation envelope from the back of church, fill in the gift aid slip and return the envelope with your donation next week or soon after.**

**CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION.** The annual Lenten collection for CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) will take place **NEXT** weekend.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** 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. Cost £1 each.

**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** -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.

**EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 COURSE** Friday February 23rd 11am via Zoom: **Session 14 'Bishop of Marseilles'** Growing in knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene.

**CAKE STALL after 6pm Mass, 9th March in Beaumaris:** Just in time for Mothers' day, the Parish Social group has organised a Cake Stall at the back of church after Mass on 9th March. Proceeds go towards subsidising a trip to Plas Cadnant Gardens on 14th April (also organised by the Parish Social group, details to follow shortly). A tasty treat for a good cause - enjoy.

**BAPTISM**—A warm welcome into our Church to baby Billie Eileen Griffin who was Baptised on Sunday 11th February in St Mary's Church Holyhead. Remember in your prayers Billie and her Mum Katherine and Dad Niall and all the family. Billie is the Great Granddaughter of the late Eileen and Paddy Griffin who many will remember in the Holyhead area.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY** If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister please let Fr Godfrey or Sr Miranda know.

**ANGLESEY PASTORAL COUNCIL** The last 12 months has led to many changes in our Island Communities. The Anglesey Pastoral Council (formerly the Island Mission Group - IMG) is undergoing a process of reflection and development to respond to these changes. Each year the members go away for a weekend to plan for the year ahead and review the year that has passed. This year they are going away from March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. An important part of this process is to listen to the views of everyone in our Island Mission of Anglesey. **If you have anything you would like to be addressed during the meeting then please email your questions or comments to [priesthollyhead@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto:priesthollyhead@rcdwxm.org.uk) or write to the Parish House, Holyhead or Parish House, Beaumaris, before the 26<sup>th</sup> of February** so these concerns can be put into the planning schedule. This is a serious opportunity for your voice to be heard about anything to do with the Church and the Mission here on Ynys Môn. The Group Members look forward to hearing from you - as a barometer of how things have gone over the past number of years.

### A poem from an Amlwch parishioner for Lent.

**Splash**, the church weeps tears from a rotten roof.

**Plash**, a drop of water mingles wine.

**Lash**, a pillar lends a cruel support.

**Ash**, palms recycled repentant smear.

**Sh**, a brief silence hangs at three o'clock,  
and grief sighs and stops the world.

**A WARM WELCOME** to Fr Leo Philomin OMI who will be joining Fr Godfrey for ministry on Anglesey and living in the parish house in Holyhead. Born in Sri Lanka, Fr Leo has lived and ministered in the Anglo Irish Province for many years - in Scotland, England and Ireland. And now - he is joining us in Wales! We wish himself and Fr Godfrey every happiness as together they settle into ministry among our Faith Communities on Anglesey.