

Newsletter of the Catholic Communities on Anglesey

(Amlwch, Beaumaris, Benllech, Holyhead, Llangefni, Menai Bridge, Rhosneigr)

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We pray for those who are sick:

We pray also for those who have died recently:

Esther Wallace, Jimmy Mullen, Ken Jones.

And for those who have anniversaries around this

time: Tom Lynch, Kay Dooling, Mimi Duffin, Nancy & Jerry McCarthy, Brendan Boughton, Mary Smith, William McLaughlin, Jack Walsh, Paul Magee, Bernadette Macca, Gerald Kindelan, Jack Ashton, Kevin Owen, Gerald Wilcox, Mary Roberts, Clare Bate, Charles Melegan, Randal Richards, Priscilla Valejo, Joe Foster.



TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch	4pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday, Friday 10am
Benllech	10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
Menai Bridge	not open
Holyhead	6pm Saturday, 11am Sunday, 10am Wednesday, 10am Friday
Llangefni	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
Rhosneigr	9am Sunday, 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*

CELEBRATING THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -

MASS TIMES

Star of the Sea Amlwch 10am Tuesday 3rd January
Our Lady of Lourdes Benllech 10am Wednesday 4th
St Joseph's Llangefni 10am Thursday 5th.
St Therese's Rhosneigr 10 am Thursday 5th
St Mary's Holyhead 10am Friday 6th
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beaumaris 10am Friday 6th

THE ANGEL BY THE CRIB IN ST MARY'S, HOLYHEAD

has been used for many years to collect money (often called "*Crib Offerings*"). This money is used for a different charity each year, decided by our Bishop. **Crib Offerings - Not of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, but Education and Food.**

Your kind donations made at the manger scene in St Mary's Church this Christmastide will be divided between:

1/ World Villages for Children

www.worldvillages.org.uk Registered Charity No.1058973. Their vision is for every child to grow up free from poverty. They know that education is the key to a good start in life and freedom from hardship and disadvantage. They work to provide care and access to education for the world's poorest children by raising funds to support the humanitarian programmes of the Sisters of Mary.

2/ Mary's Meals www.marysmeals.org.uk Registered Charity SCO22140. Their intent is to bring new hope to desperately hungry children in the poorest parts of the world with life changing school meals.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE: "WE ALL NEED ONE ANOTHER"

In his 2023 World Peace Day message, Pope Francis has called for reflection on what lessons can be learned three years after the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pope asks: "What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?" He says: "The greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realisation that we all need one another". He calls for "embarking together on paths of peace". The World Day of Peace, instituted by Pope St Paul VI in 1968, is celebrated each year on 1st January. The 2023 message is entitled: "No one can be saved alone: Combating Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." The Pope highlights that "the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty, and marginalisation continue to fuel unrest and conflict, and generate violence and even wars." He says: We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world." Francis describes the ongoing war in Ukraine as "a setback for the whole of humanity". He notes that, "while a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war".

PROBABLY THE MOST WIDELY SUNG WORDS across the world at various times is the Robert Burns song *Auld Lang Syne* - but most especially at Hogmanay, New Year's Eve, approaching midnight.....closing one year and leading into another. Most people know the first verse and chorus: *Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my Dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.*

The poem's Scots title may be translated into standard English as "old long since". But "For auld lang syne", might be loosely translated as "**for the sake of old times**". Robert Burns sent a copy of the original song to the Scots Musical Museum in 1788 with the remark, "The following song, an old song, of the olden times, and which has never been in print, nor even in manuscript until I took it down from an old man." There are other verses too that most don't know or ever hear - **BUT ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE HEARD ON THIS WORLD PEACE DAY IS: *And there's a hand, my trusty friend, And give us a hand o' thine; And we'll take a right goodwill draft, For auld lang syne.***

WELCOME HOME –CROESO ADREF. A warm welcome to those who have come to Anglesey for the Christmas Holidays. To one and all, parishioners and visitors, we hope you have a lovely relaxing time this Christmastide. May these days be joyfully blessed and may the Christ Child be in your homes and hearts at this special time of year.



And to those of us here at home may the Lord bless our families:

"Lord, we ask you to bless our families, those near and those far away, especially those who find life hard and things difficult, those coping with ill health, with old age, with many cares and concerns. May they know your blessing in their lives this Christmas. Amen

THANKS to all those who have made our Churches look so festive and beautiful for our Christmas celebrations. There are too many to mention by name but thanks to each one of you - Church cleaners, Flower arrangers, Crib builders, Christmas Tree decorators, Banners, Advent Candle Wreath arrangers ...and those who keep the grounds of our buildings neat and tidy. To one and all Diolch yn fawr!

USED STAMPS: A reminder to keep all your old stamps. Ruth Langley (Amlwch) is collecting them for Multiple Sclerosis Charity. They can be given to Fr Joe or Fr Frank. In St Mary's Church there is a smallish green box at the rear of the Church for you to place them in.

OBLATE CALENDARS: the new 2023 calendar can be picked up from the back of the Church. If you know anyone else that might like one please take one for them.

READING GROUP Fridays 11am via Zoom begins in the New Year Friday January 13th reading '15 Days of Prayer with St Eugene'

FINAL SYNOD CONVERSATIONS for Rhosneigr and Llangefni - '**What now?'**: Please join your group for a final conversation to consider what came out of the Assembly Day and how we in our community can respond.

• St Therese Rhosneigr: Wednesday 2pm 18th January • St Joseph's, Llangefni: Thursday 2pm 19th January

THE COMMUNITIES OF BEAUMARIS/LLANGEFNI/MENAI BRIDGE are organising a New Year lunch at the Bulkley Hotel in Beaumaris on Saturday 7th January @ 2.30. for 3pm. Two courses for £19 and 3 courses for £23. Menus available at Churches or from Pat Brooke 811088/ Maureen Catterall 852895/ Jean McQueen 714838.(all at 01248). All names and choices must be in by Sunday 1st January. **Please try and support this event as we hope to get to know each other better in a social setting.**