

# Newsletter of the Catholic Communities on Anglesey

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

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*March 20th 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent*

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE.** This coming **Thursday, 24th March, the 6 Catholic Churches on Anglesey will be open from 1pm until 3pm** to allow anyone to take time for silent prayer within your local Church building. You may wish to light a candle, kneel or sit for a short while, offering up your prayers and thoughts for a people devastated by the horror of what is happening in and to their homeland. There will be a box at the back of each Church for any donations of money you may wish to give to help the various charities supply food and medicine to these stricken people. Anyone who is housebound and cannot come to Church may choose to pray at home for the same intention. You may like to light a candle at home to concentrate your thoughts and direct your prayers. If you are at work, or have some commitment, please pause and raise your hearts to be at one in prayer with the Island for Ukraine. For those who cannot donate on-line, and may not be able to be in Church this Thursday, give your donation to either Fr Joe or Fr Frank who will pass it on. For those who can donate on-line - here is the information you need: [appeal@dec-emergency.org.uk](mailto:appeal@dec-emergency.org.uk)

From the **DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (DEC) website:** *“More than 3 million people have fled Ukraine in search of safety and almost 2 million more have been displaced inside the country, with more expected over the coming weeks and months. Your donations are allowing DEC charities to scale up their work in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. Your support is making a difference. Your donations are helping DEC charities to support reception centres at the borders to provide those fleeing with food, water, beds and bedding, hygiene products, medical assistance, information and help in continuing their journey. They are also providing trauma care, including psychological support, social workers, and child-friendly spaces to help families recover from their experiences. DEC charities and their local partners have decades of experience responding to conflicts and refugee crises and are continually assessing the ever-changing situation to ensure aid gets to the people who need it the most. With your help, as well as providing urgent assistance now, we can continue to support those affected in the months and years to come. The DEC brings together 15 leading aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas. In these times of crisis, people in life-and-death situations need our help and our mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives through effective humanitarian response. Pooling our resources to work as one, we are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. In collaboration with our Rapid Response Network of national media and corporate partners, we raise the alarm to the UK public and set up easy ways for them to donate. And we have immediate impact, getting aid to people who need it, fast. [appeal@dec-emergency.org.uk](mailto:appeal@dec-emergency.org.uk)”*

**Donations for Ukraine - Monetary Donations.** These will allow required goods to be purchased at point of need. Please go to [donation.dec.org.uk](http://donation.dec.org.uk)  
CAFOD, Christian Aid, etc are part of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC)  
The UK Government will match donations and they can be gift aided.

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:** *Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine for their government, and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. Amen.*

**We pray for those who are sick in our 7 Faith Communities:**

**We pray too for those who have died recently:** James Thomas.

**And for those who have anniversaries around this time:** Peter Kelly, Dolly Riley, Joan Critoph, Bob Williams, Peggy O'Toole, Angela Jones, Mona Morris, Kate Fry, Edwin Fallowell, Len King, William McMahon.

**ANGLESEY ISLAND LENTEN RETREAT 2022** took place on Saturday 19th in St Mary's Parish Hall, Holyhead. Next Saturday - 26th - a Zoom version of this retreat will take place from 10am - 1pm, allowing those who could not attend to now join in from home. The format is the same as used for past Advent and Lenten Retreats: the use of religious themed paintings along with a commentary and time for personal reflection on what you see. **If you wish to join them please contact Pauline Thomas for the link asap. Email address above. AND ANOTHER LENTEN RETREAT HAS BEEN ORGANISED.** A Retreat has been arranged by members of Am-lwch parish at Noddfa in Penmaenmawr for Thursday 31st March : 9.30 for a 10am start - finish at 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Transport is available on request. Suggested donation = £20 but this must not be a barrier to anyone wishing to attend who cannot afford it. We have a contingency provided by kind donations. **All are welcome** but numbers may be limited. **Please contact Sue Roberts by Monday 21st March** if you would like to come along. Tel : 01407 730984 / 07715 580251

**LAUDATO SI' ACTION THROUGH LENT 2022:** Members from across our communities meet regularly to plan opportunities, events and resources to raise awareness and encourage response to *Care for our Common Home*. **Please read the Lent 2022 Laudato Si' Action Leaflet** - *Small changes we can make during Lent that add up to make a big difference in caring for our common home*. Copies of this leaflet were distributed with last week's Newsletter.

**LENTEN JOURNEY** Week 3 – Friday 25th March 11am. 'The Body of Christ, Blessed, Broken and Excluded?'

**'COMMUNITY WALK AGAINST HUNGER'** - Saturday 26th March. Meet at St Anne's, Menai Bridge, 1pm. Raising funds for this year's CAFÉ Lenten Campaign our walk will take us along the Belgian Promenade under the Menai Bridge and back to St Anne's Carpark.

**PREPARATION FOR OR ISLAND ASSEMBLY** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 'For a Synodal Church'. We have 17 conversation groups meeting throughout our faith communities through the coming months. Let us hold each other in prayer as we prepare for our Island Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**CONFIRMATION CATECHIST'S PLANNING SESSION** – Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm.

**PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE:** Tuesday 22nd March, 7pm.

Contact [paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com) to receive a Zoom Link to any of the above session

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HOLYHEAD CLEANERS:** Thank you to the 3 persons who contacted St Mary's Parish Office offering their services for Church cleaning. There should be a rota in place soon - but only if there are more volunteers.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Pat Williamson of Beaumaris who celebrated her 101st birthday last week! A wonderful achievement. Every best wish to you for health and happiness in the months ahead!

**COLIN & CELIA BOOTH.** It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Colin and Celia (Trearddur Bay) who are leaving Anglesey this coming week to be nearer to family. When they moved to Anglesey over 20 years ago, they immediately became involved in parish life and over the years took on many roles and ministries, giving generously of their time and energy, not only in St Mary's parish but also St Mary's school and the whole Island community. We would like to thank them for these years of dedicated service. We wish them both good health, happiness and many blessings as they set out on the next phase of life's journey. Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** have resumed in St Mary's, Holyhead after the 11am Wednesday Mass. This comprises soup, cheese and bread with tea or coffee. There is also a raffle. Any money raised goes to CAFOD. Last Wednesday the amount taken was £65 - not bad considering there were not too many people present. Let's hope more people will join in this Wednesday to meet old friends and other parishioners and catch up with all the news etc.

#### **Time of Masses on Anglesey**

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

**Midweek Service of the Word** every Thursday morning at 10am via Zoom.

**Booking for Mass by phone or email:** **Amlwch** – Alix Warren 01407 830041

**Benllech** – Stephen Smith 01248 852082 / [stevej.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:stevej.smith@btinternet.com)

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** 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 [www.omianglesey.org.uk](http://www.omianglesey.org.uk) and click on **Mobile Stream** above the picture of St Mary's Church.

**Weekday Masses in Holyhead** are on Wednesday and Friday. St Mary's School are going back to Mass on Friday which they had pre-pandemic. **This Friday Mass at 10am is open to all** but please sit in the side benches. **During Lent the Wednesday Mass is at 11am** followed by Stations of the Cross (and Lenten Lunches).