

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON YNYS MÔN

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

Striving to be “Welcoming, Inclusive and Outward Looking”
“Croesawgar, Cynhwysol ac Eangfrydig”

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We pray for those who are sick:

And for those who have anniversaries around this time:

Thomas Marriot, Pat Whelan,
Thomas Jameson, Liz Duffy, Michael Faulkener,
Barbara Bellow, Tommy Murphy, Tony Moran,
Catherine Simpson, Clwyd Roberts.

MASS NOTICE There will be no Mass next
Thursday 20th July in Rhosneigr and no
Mass on Friday 21st July in Holyhead.

TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch	5pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday
Benllech	10am Sunday, 10am Wednesday
Menai Bridge	not open
Holyhead	10.30am Sunday, 10am Wednesday, NO MASS Friday
Llangefni	11am Sunday, 10am Thursday
Rhosneigr	6pm Saturday, NO MASS 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*

THANK YOU for giving to the Sea Sunday 2nd Collection.

Our parish of Holyhead and Rhosneigr raised £223.77. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue their great work supporting seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

AMLWCH/BENLLECH will have their 2nd collection this week for Sea Sunday.

The previous week's special collection for Peter's Pence amounted to £360 from Holyhead and Rhosneigr. Beaumaris and Llangefni 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence was £145.70, and for Sea Sunday £172.50. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (The Parable of the Sower) is one of those stories we have heard many times and know so well. Jesus, of course, was speaking to fairly poor, rural farmers and so he uses both words and images that would be easily understood. Seed, sowing, reaping, drought, weeds, thorns, good soil and bad soil would all be familiar to those hearing Jesus speak, and at an emotional level as well as an intellectual level they would be able to experience the joy of reaping a good crop and the agony of losing a crop because of drought, weeds or too much heat. For us to fully appreciate the power of this Gospel, we need to find within our own experiences of life what the 'seed' might represent, as well as finding, again within our own lives, the various conditions which prevent the seed from growing. When we do this, the Gospel comes alive for us and its message becomes not just 'interesting' or 'valuable' at an academic level, but powerful and demanding of 'action' at an emotional level. This makes the parable come alive for – a way the Sower, the seed, and the difficulties of nurturing that seed, speaks to our lives.

END OF YEAR FINANCE - A copy of St Mary's and St Therese's Churches "End of Year Accounts" is on display at the back of each of the churches.

LAUDATO SI' ACTION GROUP MEETING: Monday 17th July, 2pm via Zoom. New members welcome - contact Pauline Thomas.

CHURCH CLEANING AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES BENLLECH will be this Wednesday 19th July after 10am Mass.

All help will be appreciated.

TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSE FOR BEREAVEMENT VISITORS AND FUNERAL MINISTERS at St Joseph's Church, Llangefni: Thursday 20th July 11am – 12.30, St Joseph's Church, Llangefni. We have three new members of our communities training as Funeral Ministers, we thank them for their generosity.

JOIN THE FRIDAY MORNING GROUP, 11am on Zoom, to read together the Synod working document released on 20 June 2023. It calls for a welcoming Church that embraces diversity. The document will be the basis for the work of the participants in the General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which begins in the Vatican in October 2023.

ST DAVIDS HOSPICE FUNDRAISING TEAM *"are delighted to have been offered the event marquee at the Holyhead Festival on Thursday afternoon, 27th July. We shall be providing an Afternoon of Entertainment for the people who have supported us over the years. The choir, Singing for Pleasure will perform as well as Alistair James and Holyhead Male Voice Choir. Entry to the event will be free. There will be a raffle and tombola stall and the bar will be open. We would love it if you could join us. Please feel free to invite your friends and family too. The more the merrier!"*

CRAFTS CORNER IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HOLYHEAD. There is a Children's Crafts Corner at the back of the church by The St Eugene Shrine. It will be looked after by Paige Hudson-Jones and the Social Events Committee as well as other Parent Volunteers. Each week there will be colouring or arts and crafts sessions ran by our volunteers to occupy the younger members of our church during Sunday Mass. Children will have the opportunity to display their art in the church. Please make use of this - it is there to be used by our community and guests alike. If you have any Arts and Crafts supplies that you would like to donate, they will be greatly welcomed.

CROESO –WELCOME TO ALL OUR SUMMER VISITORS. Hopefully the sun shines on you and you have a happy and restful holiday on the Island of Anglesey. And to all our Parishioners it is hoped you too enjoy what the summer has to offer by way of relaxation with friends and family.

TEA & COFFEE will be served in the hall after 10.30am Mass this Sunday. You are all very welcome. **BENLLECH** Church will be serving tea and coffee also after 10am Mass every Sunday during the holidays and all are welcome to stay behind after for a cuppa and a chat. **VOLUNTEERS** are still needed for teas and coffee after Sunday 10.30am Mass in Holyhead during the Summer months. If you can help please sign the rota at the back of the Church.

THIS YEAR'S GUIDE DOGS TEA PARTY will be held in Our Lady church hall in Amlwch on Friday 28 July from 1-4pm. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa/panad and cake.

INTERPARISH SUMMER GET TOGETHER **Mon 31st July 2023, 7pm – 8pm via Zoom.** Following on from the Dementia Friends Get Togethers, all parishes are invited to the newly named 'Interparish Get Together' to continue sharing about their current parish and community initiatives, offer support to other parishes and find out the latest information that may be of benefit to their own parishioners. As well as our dementia initiatives our summer focus will be support for families during the holidays. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** by next Monday 24th July 2023. Please contact Jeanie Larkin at mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk. Or telephone: **07542 268728**.

THE SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS will be this Wednesday 19th July at 10am. The term ends later in the week for School summer Holidays, a well earned break for Teachers and Pupils alike. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday. And best wishes to Year 6 pupils who will be moving to Secondary Schools in September.

The Head Teacher of the School, Mr Richard Jones, writes: *"At the end of this term, after 34 years of service to our school, we will be saying farewell to Miss Christine Hunt. A former pupil of Ysgol Santes Fair herself, she returned after university, qualifying as a teacher in September 1989. Throughout her time at Ysgol Santes Fair, Miss Hunt has contributed diligently to the education and well-being of our children. We firmly believe that every teacher has a unique approach that contributes to the rich tapestry of our school's educational experience. It is essential to recognize the collective efforts of our teaching staff and the positive impact they have had on generations of students over the years. Miss Hunt has played an integral role in shaping young minds at our school throughout her career. I'm sure you will join me, all her colleagues and the children in wishing Miss Hunt all the very best. Her dedication to our school's mission and values will not be forgotten."* As well as being part of the school staff for all these years, she has also been involved in the Liturgical and Sacramental life of St Mary's Church. She has prepared hundreds of children for First Holy Communion as well as leading singing in Church, and decorating the sanctuary with beautiful banners and other displays of the Church's liturgical seasons.