

# 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 at this time** - at home,  
in our nursing homes and in hospital

**We pray also for those who have died recently:** Joe  
Fleming, Nick Sharman.

**And those who have anniversaries around this time:**  
Rosalie Freestone-Bayes, Mary Kilduff, Kate Weir, Ann  
Philbin, Anthony Woolley, Elizabeth Gray, Winifred  
Maye, Sheila Roberts, Mary Harkus, Kathleen Rushe,  
Ann McHugh, Anne Marie Bailey, Terry Roberts, Raafat  
Nagib, James Duggan.

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**Many thanks to Fr. Frank Ryan OMI** for being the  
“third priest” on Anglesey to lead the services for Holy  
Week in Amlwch and Benllech, so that all our Churches  
had a priest to preside at the various liturgies. Fr Frank  
was, until recently, parish priest in St Joseph's, Colwyn  
Bay, and is now living in the retirement home in Rhos  
on Sea along with Fr Dennis Connor OMI.

**W**e celebrate forty days of Lent leading up to  
Easter with great dedication and much  
fanfare. We ‘give things up’ and ‘take extra  
things on’ to prepare ourselves for the  
central Feast of our faith. And it is good that we do so.  
Yet, we are now one week into fifty days of Eastertide,  
when we are invited to reflect on the great victory Christ  
gained for us by his death and resurrection. Why is it that  
these fifty days of Eastertide slip past us each year,  
almost totally unnoticed? It's a good question, and one  
worth thinking about. The great American broadcaster,  
Walter Cronkite, speaking about what sells newspapers,  
said, “if it bleeds, it leads”, meaning that we are more  
interested in hearing about tragedy and suffering than  
we are hearing about joy and hope. Might this be why we  
seem to enter into Lent far more enthusiastically than we  
enter into Eastertide. We tend to associate Lent with the  
Cross and the suffering of Jesus. It is the ‘bleeding’  
Cronkite talked about. Eastertide is seen as our  
celebration of the Resurrection, and somehow it falls flat  
as a Church season. Without the reality of the  
Resurrection, Christianity would not exist. Without the  
Resurrection the Kingdom preached about by Jesus  
would have died on Calvary with Jesus. As we move  
through this Eastertide and reflect on the appearances of  
Jesus to his disciples and friends, let us remember that  
we are a “Resurrection” people. We carry within us a joy  
and hope which nothing, even death itself, can stop. It  
doesn't ‘bleed’ but we must not let it slip by us. In our  
lives, as Christians, the Resurrection must always ‘lead’,  
and we must witness to the joy and hope it offers to us  
and our world.



### MASS TIME CHANGES

**Next Weekend (22/23 April) Mass times will change in  
Holyhead and Rhosneigr.**

**Saturday Evening Mass will be at 6pm in St Therese's  
Rhosneigr.**

**Sunday Morning Mass will be at 10.30 am in St Mary's  
Holyhead.**

### **ST MARY'S - SATURDAY 15TH APRIL IS THE LAST 6pm MASS/SERVICE.**

Those regularly attending the 6pm Saturday evening Mass in St Mary's are experiencing the sense of loss of "their Mass" coming to an end. And it is the same for the parishioners in St Therese, Rhosneigr who are losing the 9am Sunday morning Mass. (Their new time of Mass from next weekend will be at 6pm on Saturday evenings). So - two communities have to be generous in their response to the present situation and the changes that are taking place. The Mass time in St Mary's, Holyhead will be at 10.30am Sunday morning starting next weekend. This will be the first time in living memory (and beyond) that there is only one gathering for Eucharist in St Mary's. One advantage of this is that parishioners who have worshipped in St Mary's for years will meet other parishioners who have also worshipped there for years - but do not really know each other due to the two different gatherings. It will be wonderful for all to come together at the one Mass on Sunday mornings and get to know the whole community.

### **NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE IN THE PARISH HALL TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST 10.30am MASS.**

**A HUGE "THANK YOU"** to all who were involved in any way in the preparation of the various Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter Sunday in all our 6 Churches, as well as those involved in the decoration and adornment of our Sacred Spaces for these Liturgies. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes by generous and dedicated parishioners and it is greatly appreciated by at least some of the gathered faithful.

**THE EASTER COLLECTION** taken at St Mary's and St Therese's was £1,331.03. Many thanks for the kindness and generosity of those who contributed. **THE COLLECTION TAKEN FOR HOLY PLACES** on Good Friday in St Mary's was £357.50. Thank you.

**EASTER DAY WAS LAST SUNDAY** - but the Easter Season lasts for fifty days, and the last of these days is Pentecost Sunday on 28th May marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter the majority of our readings at our Masses are from *The Acts of the Apostles* and from *St John's Gospel*. *The Book of the Acts of the Apostles* is literally just that - what the Apostles and Disciples and other followers of Jesus experienced after the Resurrection - the struggles and hardships, the joys and the building up of faith communities in the very early Church.

**PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April via Zoom 7pm. **NB: the sessions will be every 3rd Tue not Wed.**

**LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLANNING GROUP:** Meeting 2pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April via Zoom

**'LOVE THE STRANGER' A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS:** via Zoom Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11am.

On 14 March 2023, the Department for International Affairs of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, published *Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees*. Join in on Zoom to read 'Love the Stranger' and to reflect together on its message for us. Contact [paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com) for the zoom link.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS GET TOGETHER:** Monday 24th April 2023 7pm - 8pm via Zoom. The Dementia Friendly Diocesan Steering Group are inviting all to come to the next online gathering to share the latest information and support available for carers and loved ones living with dementia. Join in to prepare for Dementia Action Week this May and share ways in which valuable relationships have developed from this work within our local communities, as we strive towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Diocese. e-mail Jeanie Larkin at: [mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto:mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk) Or telephone: 07542 268728  
**Booking Essential by this Monday 17th April 2023**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 IN LISBON** travelling with the Oblate Pilgrimage 31<sup>st</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023: Ages 18-35. A number of places are still available. ***This Oblate Pilgrimage is 50% subsidised.*** If you know of anyone who might be interested contact Pauline Thomas as well as emailing Padraig Corcoran ([p.corcoran@oblates.ie](mailto:p.corcoran@oblates.ie) Tel: +353(87)7723255

**LOURDES:** The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 17th –22nd September. This year 2023 they are celebrating 140 years since the first Oblate pilgrimage in 1883. The Pilgrimage package is 5 Nights in Lourdes staying in Hotel Panorama. The price of £695 includes flights from Manchester to Carcassonne and transfers, a full pilgrimage programme, breakfast, lunch, dinner and travel insurance. For more details, or to make a booking, contact Kirk Jacob 0207 624 7296 or email [k.jacob@oblates.co.uk](mailto:k.jacob@oblates.co.uk) He will be happy to help you with any enquiries.

**NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 10.30am MASS IN ST MARY'S HOLYHEAD,** blessing prayers will be said for those who are Ministers of reading The Word and those who are Ministers of Holy Communion (both active and new). For those that this concerns you will be asked to simply stand in the place you are already (after the Gospel has been proclaimed) and respond to the blessing prayers. This little ceremony is firstly asking the Lord's blessing on your service to the assembled community, secondly a way of acknowledging your generosity in taking up this ministry, and thirdly allowing the congregation to come to see, know, (and hopefully thank) those who serve them in this particular manner.

**AND FINALLY..... MANY THANKS** to the mystery person who has been putting out the Recycle Bins at St Mary's Cemetery in Holyhead. There is puzzlement as to who this person is but also a sense of gratitude for your generous activity.