

Newsletter of the Catholic Communities on Anglesey

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

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Holyhead (St Mary's) Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am - 3pm. 01407 762457

Time of Masses on Anglesey this week

Amlwch	5pm Saturday, 10am Tuesday
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday
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

ORATORY OPENING AFTER 26 MONTHS

Mass in Holyhead on a Wednesday and a Friday will be in The Oratory (not the Church) - unless there is the Friday School Mass (which is in the Church). All are welcome to the School Masses in the Church when they take place.

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 Stream above the picture of St Mary's Church.

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

We pray too for those who have died recently: Teresa Green and Harry Owen.

And for those who have anniversaries around this time: Jack Faricy, Kathleen Magee, Renata Rutkowska, Billy Meade, Mary Theresa Blackburn, Steven Douth, Terry Porter, Charles Murphy, Eric Dugdale, Tom McCormack, Fr Sean McCarthy OMI, Cristina Gallimore, Harry Baldwin, Mary Langley, Patrick Kinsella, Valerie Kelly.

Teresa Greene's Funeral Service will be in St Mary's, Holyhead this Monday 30th May at 12.45. followed by Cremation at Bangor at 2.30pm.

"NO MORE SHOUTING" - A Retreat led by David Wells at Wistaston Hall Oblate Retreat and Spirituality Centre in Crewe - 21st - 24th July. There is information on the Leaflets and Booking Forms that are at the back of the Church in St Mary's or they can be sent out to you on request. David Wells is a popular and well respected religious education consultant, his Retreats and lectures have been extremely interesting and popular and he has spoken at more than 500 conferences worldwide. For more information - call Rachel at Wistaston Hall in Crewe: Tel No. 01270 568653.

"Dear Sisters and Brothers, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of sisters and brothers who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended

THIS SUNDAY there will be a 2nd collection for *The Catholic Communications Network* (CCN). This collection will be taken at all Masses. The money collected goes to fund the important role that the media have in promoting and developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. *“Christians must do more to make sure the media, especially social networks, are places of dialogue and respect for others, rather than instruments for highlighting differences and increasing divisions”*. When it comes to social media we all hold the power for good at our fingertips. It is up to all of us to endorse messages that promote unity, and stand up to messages that seed hatred. In the past only news editors held this kind of power. Your financial contribution helps the CNN further its aims.

THANKS -The Family of the late John Rushe (Holyhead) would like thank everyone for their kindness, cards and messages of sympathy for their Dad. A special thank you to Myra Lyons (St Mary’s Organist) for her part in John’s Funeral Mass.

THANKS The family of Jean Jones would like to thank all those friends and parishioners for all the help, support, thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Also for the cards, Masses and generous donations given in her memory. This Sunday would have been her 95th birthday so she is in our thoughts and prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Special greetings to Jean Ellis from St Mary’s Church who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this Wednesday June 1st. We all wish you a very happy day Jean. What a great age! You are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY All are invited NEXT Sunday June 5th after 11am Mass in Holyhead, to a Celebration for the Queen’s Jubilee in St Mary’s Hall. This invitation is for all our Faith communities here on Anglesey plus friends and visitors who may be with us on the day. We ask that you bring a plate of food along with you for a shared buffet. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you would prefer something stronger you are very welcome to bring a bottle! It would be nice to have the parishioners from across the Island come together for this occasion.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY PRAYER CARDS - were distributed recently all over the Island. Please use them to pray for one another and for our Island Faith Communities as we prepare for our Island Assembly on Saturday 25th June. If you have not done so, please consider attending the Island Assembly Day at St Mary’s Church in Holyhead. Registration leaflets were distributed recently by email with your Newsletter as well as being available in Church for the past two weekends. If you have not filled one in and wish to attend - you are not too late! Please let Fr Joe or Fr Frank know asap.

The most important help is your commitment to attend the Assembly Day in Holyhead. But we need to know the number of people attending so that the final preparations can take place.

The Celebration Mass will conclude the day at 6pm in St Mary’s Church, Holyhead (and for those who cannot attend in person, parts of the day will be streamed.) We also welcome any visitors who will be in the area to the event.

JOIN IN THE PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE GATHERING for the following Sunday: **Tuesday 14th June, 7pm via Zoom**

OBLATE CONNECTIONS - The latest issue is at the back of the churches. Please take a copy home with you.

FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONER: It’s that time of year again. We pray for all our young parishioners who are currently negotiating exams and tests. We pray that they will negotiate them free of anxiety and stress and that they will be able to do their best. We remind our young parishioners that we love them not based on success but by who they are. We remind our young parishioners that whatever the results, there will always be fresh opportunities and our unconditional support and love.

JOIN LIVE STREAMED - 2ND OBLATE LAY ASSOCIATIONS CONGRESS FROM ROME ON 27th -29th May 1-4pm each day.

During the last two years, preparations have been underway in the worldwide Oblate family to prepare the 2nd *World-wide Oblate Lay Associations Congress*. It has been live streamed from Rome on Friday 27th, and again this Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May, 1-4pm. We are very proud that Pauline Thomas, our Anglesey Pastoral Associate, will be there - taking part in Rome - at this *Oblate Congress of the Laity*. Not only as a delegate but as a facilitator of some of the meetings. This promises to be a wonderfully inspiring and enriching event, so do please take part if you can. The Congress will bring to light many wonderful stories of witnessing to the Oblate charism in a variety of different ways. We will hear from our brothers and sisters in the Oblate family from Africa, Madagascar, Asia- Oceania, Latin America, Canada, USA, Europe. To watch live go to Youtube on your computer - put in the following link and you will be connected:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77oRK5LDtbQ> Be aware that the links sent in last week’s newsletter do not work due to technical difficulties in Rome.