

# 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.

March 13th 2022  
2nd Sunday of Lent

### Time of Masses on Anglesey

Amlwch	4pm Saturday,
Beaumaris	6pm Saturday, <b>(please note—change of time from 4pm)</b>
Benllech	10am Sunday,
Holyhead	6pm Saturday, 11am Sunday,
Llangefni	11am Sunday,
Menai Bridge	not open
Rhosneigr	9am Sunday,

Midweek Service of the Word every Thur morning at 10am via Zoom.  
There is also time for a coffee & chat together after this Service.

### Booking for Mass by phone or email

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**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.

**DURING LENT** the weekday Mass in Holyhead will now be on a Wednesday. 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.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST 2nd COLLECTION will take place THIS weekend in all the Churches on the Island.**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST ENVELOPES** are available at the rear of the Churches for your donations if you wish to Gift Aid them. If Gift Aiding please fill in the slip at the back of the envelope with relevant details.

**THE WEARING OF MASKS** in our Churches is no longer mandatory. St Mary's have taken down all posters etc to avoid confusion. It is understood that some people will continue to wear masks and to sanitise their hands on the way in. Sanitiser and masks will still be available for those who wish to continue to do so.

**THE ORATORY in Holyhead will be open once again for quiet prayer on Monday & Wednesday from 9am - 2pm starting Monday 21st March.**

**Recommended Listening - Lent Talks BBC Radio 4, Wednesday at 20.45 "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"** Lent Talks is a series of personal reflections inspired by an aspect of the story leading up to Easter. This year's theme is the power of hospitality, based on Jesus' encouragement in Matthew's gospel to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and look after the sick.

 **Happy Birthday to John Tierney from our Rhosneigr Church who is celebrating a birthday on March 17th. And Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish parishioners and the many more of Irish descent!**

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

**We pray too for those who have died recently:** John Rushe, Rose Orme, Vincent Mannion, Jim Gibbs. (The details of the funeral of John Rushe are yet to be arranged).

**And for those who have anniversaries around this time:** Bunty Clowes, Betty Corrigan, Christopher Davidson, William Elwyn Jones, Rosalie Corduff, Margaret Pycraft, Gwen Whelan, Jimmy Kelly, Mark Youlden, Sarah Horton, Leo Gavan, Kath Payne, Peter Thomas, Frank Guiney.

## **LENTEN RETREAT ON ANGLESEY 2022**

The Lenten Retreat for our Faith Communities on Anglesey (led by Fr Frank) will take place **next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The Venue is St Mary's Parish Hall in Holyhead. It begins at 10am and will end at 1pm. There will be a break for coffee, tea and lunch: - bring a sandwich etc. Please phone or email St Mary's Parish Office to let them know you are going to the retreat – this is for knowledge of prospective number of persons in the hall. The phone number and the email address are on the opposite page of this newsletter. The format of the retreat is to look at a number of Religious Paintings with a commentary given, and allow time for reflection on each painting. **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** A Zoom Version of this retreat was due to take place next Saturday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> March. due to circumstances beyond the control of the organisers this is not possible. **However, it will take place the following Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am on Zoom. To obtain the link for this retreat on Zoom please contact Pauline Thomas – details at the bottom of this page. This Zoom retreat is a repeat of the face to face retreat in the Parish Hall.

**You are welcome to attend both of these retreats should you wish to do so – but please note: It is imperative that you book for either – or for both – of them.**

The format is the same as was used a few years ago for our Advent and Lenten Retreats: the use of religious themed paintings along with a commentary and time for personal reflection on what you see. It is hoped that these will be well attended after a long period of not being able to gather. The invitation to the one in the Hall is for all on Anglesey (and beyond if you can get there). The virtual one, one week later, is open to anyone, anywhere. **Please try to make time of either (or both) of these events.**

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**THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MARY IMMACULATE** - (known as MAMI currently run by Fr Paschal Dillon OMI). A cheque for £246.66 has been sent to Fr Paschal from **Beaumaris Church**. If anyone would like a Blue Mission Box there are plenty in the Holyhead Parish Office.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** in St Mary's Church took place last Friday. Thanks to all those who attended and to Marie Jackson who helped organise the event £174.50 was raised for the Charity.

**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.

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD** (via Zoom) - '***Care for Creation***' is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> April on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 6pm. Our '***Community Walk Against Hunger***' –Meet at St Anne's, Menai Bridge, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 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 THE ISLAND ASSEMBLY 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 'For a Synodal Church'**

We have had over 106 people register to join in the small group conversations through March, April and May. A number of these small groups have already started meeting. If you have not already joined a group it is not too late to take part. Ring the Parish Office in Holyhead for more details and let us hold each other in prayer as we prepare for our Island Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HOLYHEAD CLEANERS:** After two years of COVID restrictions it is hoped to return to the cleaning rota system that was in place. Could those who were on the rota system in the past, and still are able and willing to clean the Church, please get in touch with the Parish Office? New volunteers (**male** and female) will be greatly appreciated as well as past regulars. A new rota should be in place by the end of this month. A word of appreciation to Shelagh Richards who, until recently, cleaned the Church on a regular basis - even when it was closed due to Covid - to keep it fresh, tidy and clean. She has now retired from this ministry of cleaning and we will return to the previous rota system.

**IT WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED** if the Newsletter Editor could receive news of happenings in the other Faith Communities on Anglesey. So many things are happening, large and small, important and seemingly unimportant, but not being reported to the rest of the Island Communities.

**For more information** on any of the news items mentioned, please go to the Island Website **www.omianglesey.org.uk**. **To join in any of the meetings, by Zoom or otherwise**, contact Pauline Thomas, (the Island Pastoral Associate) - **paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com / 07712 117504** **For inclusion of items** in the Newsletter: local news, anniversaries, coffee mornings - etc - contact **01407 762457 / priestholyhead@rcdwxm.org.uk** by **Thursday evening** at the latest.