

Newsletter of the Catholic Communities on Anglesey

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

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April 10th 2022 Palm Sunday



TODAY PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10TH - We are having Teas/ coffees, Raffle, cake stall and Fair Trade stall in the hall after 11am Mass in Holyhead. All money raised will be for Ukraine Refugees.

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME Fr Vimal OMI to Anglesey. He is resident in the Oblate Parish in Colwyn Bay and will be here for Palm Sunday and the Services during Holy Week and Easter. Fr Vimal will be celebrating the Holy Week Liturgy in the different Churches across Anglesey during this week so we will all have a chance to welcome him. He is from Sri Lanka and has ministered in Sicily in past years.

HOLY WEEK begins today with Palm Sunday. It is the most solemn week of our Christian calendar leading us through Holy Thursday and Good Friday to the Great Easter Vigil. Will you be part of it? Will you plan your days/evenings so that you can spend time with the Lord in the special services. As we enter Holy Week we follow Christ's final days: his journey into Jerusalem today when he is hailed as "King", His betrayal on Wednesday by Judas for 30 pieces of silver, His Last Supper on Thursday when he said "Do this in memory of me..." , His brutal death on the Friday called "Good", the quiet dead day of the Saturday in the tomb. All leading to the wondrous glory of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Day.

CYTŪN WALK OF WITNESS IN HOLYHEAD: Good Friday at 12 noon, beginning in St Mary's Church. All are welcome.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY) To Support Christians in the Holy Land . 100% of donations taken up by the Good Friday Collection support Christians in the Holy Land. The continued existence of programs that support Christians in the Holy Land depends on the faithful financial support received from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your donation helps maintain the holiest of shrines and provides charitable activities for the poorest of people in that area. The Religious Order of the Franciscans in the Holy Land also provide education to children, run parishes and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs. It is because of you that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE HOME PAGE FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES in our Catholic Churches on the Island: <https://www.omianglesey.org.uk>

JOIN IN PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE for the following Sunday: **Tuesday 19th April, 7pm via Zoom**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Next session **Monday 25th April 7pm** via Zoom led by Sr Mary Dargie.

Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com to receive a Zoom Link to any of the above sessions.

A WARM WELCOME TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITORS on our sunny Island of Anglesey. Hopefully you will have a relaxing and enjoyable time with friends and family.

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

We pray too for those who have died recently: Lexie aged 8yrs, Linda Austin, Elgan Wyn Jones and Steve Hambley.

And for those who have anniversaries around this time: Ann McHugh, Sheila Evans, Joan McLaughlan, Maureen Williams, Pat Burgess, Sheila Roberts, James Lawlor, Ann Philbin, Anthony Woolley, Elizabeth Gray, Winifred Maye, Margaret Robinson, Jeanette Acton, Rosalie Freestone-Bayes, Edith Connolly.

THE FINAL LENTEN LUNCH IN ST MARY'S - took place last Wednesday and £114 was raised for the Ukraine bringing the total raised at the lunches to £312. Along with Anonymous donations and the money collected at the Day of Prayer for Ukraine it takes the total to £656! Thanks to all who have made the soups, supported them and to all those who contributed.

EASTER READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN ST. MARY'S - The Easter Rota is displayed at the back of the Church. Thank you to all those who are taking part.

AMLWCH: The United Churches in Amlwch will be holding a Meditative Service on Good Friday morning in The Methodist Church Wesley Street at 11am. All are welcome.

EMBRACING TRUST with a WOMAN'S HEART. Sister Kathleen Bryant, a Religious sister of Charity, is leading a Retreat for Women in the **Oblate Retreat Centre in Crewe** from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th May. The suggested donation is £160. For more details or to book, please contact: rachel.challoner@oblateretreatcentre.org.uk alternatively you can book online: www.orc-crewe.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022 Beaumaris & Amlwch Parish Areas: If your child in 7years of age or older they are eligible to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Enrolment Forms are available from Fr Joe or Fr Frank. If you would like to register with your child on the Preparation Programme please complete and submit the Form to Fr Joe or Fr Frank or email to paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com by Sunday 24th April.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2022: The Island online Confirmation Preparation Programme "*Empower*" will begin after Easter on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. If your child is baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation + Holy Communion and is 13 years old or older, then they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To join, get an enrolment form from Fr Joe or Fr Frank and return it at the latest by 10th April. A parent's evening will be held by Zoom on Tuesday 26th April where queries will be answered. The first session for the candidates will be on 3rd May at 7pm via Zoom.

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THE UKRAINE CRISIS - Mary Rowlands our Safeguarding Officer in the Wrexham Diocese has sent us the following message "After seeing the awful, desperate situation with the war in Ukraine, I am sure that many of you want to do something to help. Refugees and Asylum seekers often arrive in Wales not only following this traumatic experience in their country but also experiencing trauma on their journey to the UK. The Welsh Government want to ensure that these individuals are supported to rebuild their lives and make a full contribution to Welsh society. If you feel that you wanted to contribute or help with a family then more information can be found on refugees@gov.wales also : **CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) Ukraine Toolkit** Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski updated the CBCEW (Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales) last week on the current situation in Ukraine and the support being offered in this country to displaced Ukrainians who are travelling from the war zone. Below is a link to the CSAN Ukraine Toolkit. This will be continually updated as more information is released by HM Government and other agencies regarding the support of Ukrainians arriving in this country. One key piece of advice to parishioners who are applying to host is to link with an organisation with refugee experience. The other main piece of advice is the decision by CSAN to focus on the Reset 'matching' service as the one to go to for people who wish to host, and indeed for Ukrainian people to register. There are a few options, but CSAN has decided to back Reset, with its experience of community sponsorship and knowledge in the field.

The link is : <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>

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From Ned Michael Head of Housing Services Isle of Anglesey County Council Tel: 01248 752201 email: NedMichael@ynysmon.gov.uk: "We have set up a dedicated part on our website Ukraine Appeal which offers a lot of useful information. I've copied Yasmin Jones our Refugee Resettlements Programmes Coordinator into this response. As soon as we have a better understanding of how many people and where we are going to welcome them on the Island Yasmin will be in contact."