

# 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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*The 19th Sunday of the Year 13th August 2023*

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We pray for those who are sick:

We pray for those who have died recently:

Kieran Markey, Fr Gerry Kenny OMI.

And those who have anniversaries around this time:

Peter Davis, Robert Duffin, Tony Davies, Ann Safhill, Winnie Jones, David Caldwell, Marie Annley, Tim Foley, Alan Bamford, Anne Lewis, Joseph Foster, Chris Mannion, Michael Quinn, Mary Beard, John Duggan, Arthur Corcoran, Rita Dagnall, Robert Ammundsen.

The funeral Service for Kieran Markey will take place on Monday 21st August at 12 noon at Preswylfa Funeral Chapel in Valley, followed by Cremation at 1.30pm at Llandegai. Please note this is a change of date from the announcement in last week's Newsletter.

## TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

**Amlwch** 5pm Saturday, Service Tuesday 10am

**Beaumaris** 6pm Saturday, Tuesday 7pm

**Benllech** 10am Sunday, Wednesday 10am

**Menai Bridge** not open

**Holyhead** 10.30am Sunday

**Llangefni** 11am Sunday, 11am Thursday

**Rhosneigr** 6pm Saturday

Whenever Holyhead have a Service of Word and Holy Communion there is a streamed Mass from St Joseph's, Llangefni, using the Mobile Streaming App.

Go to [catholicchurchesanglesey.org.uk](http://catholicchurchesanglesey.org.uk) / click on *Mobile*

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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

**Beaumaris on Tuesday 7pm,**

**Benllech on Wednesday at 10am,**

**Llangefni on Thursday at 11am.**

**There is no Mass during the week in Amlwch, Holyhead or Rhosneigr.**

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## **Refugees—by Brian Bilston 2016**

**They have no need of our help**

**So do not tell me**

**These haggard faces could belong to you or me**

**Should life have dealt a different hand**

**We need to see them for who they really are**

**Chancers and scroungers**

**Layabouts and loungers**

**With bombs up their sleeves**

**Cut-throats and thieves**

**They are not**

**Welcome here**

**We should make them**

**Go back to where they came from**

**They cannot**

**Share our food**

**Share our homes**

**Share our countries**

**Instead let us**

**Build a wall to keep them out**

**It is not ok to say**

**These people are just like us**

**A place should only belong to those who are born there.**

**Do not be so stupid to think that**

**The world can be looked at another way.**

*(now read from bottom to top)*

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES** On Sunday 10th September St Mary's Church and School are having a Parish/School BBQ after 10.30 Mass. It will be a get together of Parishioners, Parents and children. Bring a friend along and enjoy a relaxed and fun filled few hours. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**LAUDATO SÍ ACTION GROUP:** new date for Action Planning Meeting: Meeting: Monday 14th August 10am.

**ST THERESE'S CHURCH RHOSNEIGR** are compiling a new Reader's Rota. If anyone is willing to put their names forward to help, please contact Fr Frank or Rhian Lloyd-Williams on the following email: rhian\_patricia@hotmail.com

**A 'GRAND' DAY OUT 2023 FOR ALL GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT GRANDPARENTS!** 10:30am – 4pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September At Noddfa Centre, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF Join a day of celebration, prayer, activities and Mass to reflect on the gift and wonder of being grandparents. Booking essential by 4<sup>th</sup> September. Cost - £15 per head which includes a light buffet lunch and refreshments. To book and to find out more, please contact Jeanie Larkin E-mail:

**FANCY A LITTLE HIKE?** The Camino de Santiago? If you are interested, there is a meeting in St Mary's Hall, Holyhead, on Sunday 13th August after the 10.30am Mass. Time to wax those boots and get into training!

**FROM COLETTE BYRNE** (Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD North Wales and CAFOD Liverpool):

*"Thank you so much to every one who has kindly participated in CAFOD's Fix the Food System campaign action by asking your parishioners to sign a letter of solidarity with Salina, a small scale farmer, who is fighting for the rights of farmers to be able to use and share their own seeds to grow the world's food, rather than being forced by large agricultural businesses to buy expensive seeds, fertiliser and pesticides which keep the farmers living in poverty. It is vital that we raise our voices against laws making it illegal for farmers to use and share their own seeds, that's why we are asking parishes to sign the letter in solidarity, to the World Bank, who have a big influence over these laws".*

**PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP,** 26<sup>th</sup> August. St Joseph's Cathedral Swansea has organised a Music Workshop to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August starting at 11am and finishing around 4pm. The workshop will be led by Chris Walker, a popular contemporary composer and a lively workshop leader. He intends including material suitable for adults and children so there'll be something for everyone. The suggested donation for adults is £10, but under 18s are not expected to pay.

**A SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WELCOME CEREMONY SPEECH TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN LISBON AT WORLD**

**YOUTH DAY IN LISBON 2023.....** *"Thanks for being here. I'm delighted to hear the noise you're making! It is good to be in Lisbon. You were invited here by me...yet above all it is Jesus who called you here! You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you. Each of you is called by name. In Gods eyes we are precious children and he calls us...to make of us a unique and original masterpiece whose beauty we can only begin to glimpse. At WYD may we be vibrant echoes of Gods call of love... despite what our own eyes clouded negativity and dazzled by so many distractions....let these days be one when we realize in our hearts that we are loved just as we are. Today is a new starting point in our lives. Dear friends, if God calls you by name- it means to him you are not a number but a face. Your name is known, it appears on social networks and is processed by algorithms that associate it with likes & preferences – market research- yet it does not approach you in your uniqueness. There are illusions in the virtual world and we must not be deceived – we can be promised many things – but these can leave us empty inside. Jesus is not like that. You truly matter to him. Our Church is the community of the called- not of the best/ but those summoned to welcome the gift of being called. You sent me letters. They are beautiful. You told me there are people who don't accept you or think there is a place for me...also others said in my parish there is no room for mistakes.*

*Dear friends I want to make this clear to you who are allergic to dishonesty and to empty words, there is room for everyone in the Church – wherever there is not please, we must make room, including for those who make mistakes, who fail or struggle. The Church has to be the home where the echo of Gods call to everyone resounds.*

*The Lord does not close the door – but invites us to enter. He does not keep us distant. He welcomes us. Let us call each by name - God loves you all. God loves **YOU!***

*Do not keep your questions to yourself. Bring your questions to Jesus. In the dialogue of prayer God catches us off guard. God responds. He is not a search engine. God is your true friend. God asks you questions too. The Apostles were asking questions and waiting for answers from Jesus.*

*He took them by surprise – he sent them on a mission!- "without proper preparation no bag or purse". He puts the same trust in you. The disciples returned from their mission with joy.*

*There is a happiness prepared for you that Jesus has prepared for you. Know that God is near. He just needs a small response on our part to fill our lives with wonder & joy.*

*You might say - I can't do that. God calls you precisely amid our fears. He doesn't call those who feel capable but those who he makes capable!*

*God called many who made mistakes- none of them were perfect - yet they were united in the Lord! Be connected to God- that's the secret. It's not easy - but connect to Gods call.*

*We have help from Mary. She takes us by the hand and shows us the way. She is the greatest person in history. She was fully present to God.*

*To summarize- we are called by God. We are loved. Also remind everyone of the beauty of being loved by God and treasured. Also ask questions of Jesus who is expecting us to speak frequently with him these days. Stay connected to him and his life- for in this way our joy will increase. I wish you a happy World Youth Day".*

**Pope Francis - Lisbon 3.8.23**