

# 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 27th Sunday of the Year 8th October 2023*

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**We pray for those who are sick:**

**We pray for those who have died recently:**

Jim Deasy (Formerly of Holyhead) Robert Roberts (Holyhead).

**And those who have anniversaries around this time:**

Helen Kenny, Ellen Lee, Lowri Richards, Elizabeth Sheldrick, Olwen Cain, Bernard Magee, Bill Tedders, Joe McLaughlin, John Stanton, Sarah Byrne, Elizabeth Grant, Pat Fry, Benjamin Campbell.

*Our thanks to Marilyn Walsh (St Mary's Holyhead) who has recently returned from the annual OMI Pilgrimage to Lourdes where she helps and supports the sick. Thank you for having a Mass offered at the Grotto for our Intentions, and for all the hard work you do on the Pilgrimage.*

## TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY

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

**Beaumaris** 6pm Saturday,

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

**Menai Bridge** not open

**Holyhead** 10.30am Sunday, **No Mass Wednesday or Friday**

**Llangefni** 11am Sunday, **No Mass Thursday**

**Rhosneigr** 6pm Saturday, **No Mass Thursday**

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*

**CAFOD Harvest 2nd Collection** There will be a 2nd collection at all our Churches on the Island of Anglesey this weekend. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the help and support they need.

**URGENT REQUEST FOR WINTER CLOTHES** **Pobl I Bobl who work with Refugees** have asked us for donations of Men's Winter clothes: Coats, Jackets and Jumpers **small or medium sizes only**, Shoes, underwear and toiletries all would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped at the Parish office in Holyhead. Or given to Fr Joe or Fr Frank after any of the Masses. Thank-you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES** The Social Events Team had a meeting earlier this week to arrange some events to try and bring the Island together for a social Evening. The Evening will take place on Saturday 11th November 7pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. A local well known Band will be playing "Open Secret". Music and dance throughout the night, and a supper will be included. Bring your own drinks (alcoholic) There will be a raffle on the night. Tickets for the evening will go on sale soon £7 each. Any donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. All monies raised will go to CAFOD. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on Sunday 10th December after 10.30 Mass in Holyhead. There will be a festive celebration of Mince pies and cakes, Tombola, and various other stalls and a Raffle. Keep the dates free in your diary. Donations to the stalls - Bric a Brac, Cakes, books etc would be very welcome.

**CHOIR CONCERT** Saturday 16th December 7pm in St Mary's Church. Holyhead Male Voice Choir plus other guests will be singing a variety of popular songs including Christmas Carols. More information to follow. Tickets on sale soon, proceeds toward renovation of House, Hall and Oratory in Holyhead.

**PETITION** After our Mass in St Mary's Holyhead there will be a chance to sign a petition to Welsh Water/ Dwr Cymru and Anglesey County Council to make improvements to the quality of our water here on Anglesey. Please just take a moment to read the information and sign the petition.

**TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED** after 10am Mass in Benllech this Sunday and after the 10.30am Mass in Holyhead. Volunteers are needed if we want to continue to serve teas and coffee each week. **Tea, coffee and biscuits are all that are needed and they are all provided.** We just need the volunteers.



**AMLWCH SEQUENCE DANCE GROUP** meet every Thursday 2- 4pm in Amlwch parish hall. All are welcome.

**"INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL":** . Leaflets are at the back of the Church.

**FRIDAY MORNING ZOOM GROUP** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 11am reading the preparatory Synod Document

**PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE** for the coming Sunday via Zoom 7pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:

**'SKILL EXCHANGE'** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: St Joseph's, Llangefni following 10am Mass.

Join us for tea and coffee and the sharing of skills in upcycling resources/ clothes / furniture / containers / sharing recipes using food leftovers.

**FILM NIGHT: 'The Letter'** St Joseph's Llangefni: Thursday 12th October 7pm (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE)  
The film tells the story of various frontline leaders' journey to Rome to discuss their experience with Pope Francis of climate change 'This beautiful film – a heartbreaking yet hopeful story – is a clarion cry to people everywhere: wake up! Get serious! Act now!' *Cardinal Michael Czerny*

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME OCTOBER** is 'Energy Saving Month' **Save Energy. Save Money.**

**Save the Planet.** Turn your thermostat down. Reducing your room temperature by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 percent. If you have a programmer, set your heating and hot water to come on only when required rather than all the time.

If possible, fill up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher: one full load uses less energy than two half loads.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS**

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in The Lake District. For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**LAST WEDNESDAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** - the long awaited Synod began in Rome. Preparations for it have gone on for a long time, when all parishes within their diocese around the whole world were asked to meet and discuss. And on Anglesey we did just that over quite a number of meetings spanning many months. This Assembly, or Synod, has the potential to be as much a landmark moment for Catholicism as the Second Vatican Council was (1962 – 1965). There are 464 participants from all over the planet. 365 of them will be voting members with the others acting as experts, facilitators and spiritual assistants. Some 81 are women, 54 of them voting members. Pope Francis seeks to bring a revived sense of mission to the Church through this Synod, and many are hoping new life will emerge as a result. There is acknowledgement that the global Church is deeply affected by sexual, spiritual and other forms of abuse and the consequences of these need to be addressed. Some argue that the Synod will not bring about significant changes. A few are determined to make sure it fails. For Pope Francis this is a decisive moment in his personal mission to witness to the unchanging truth, that the Holy Spirit speaks to the Church in every age.

This week's Gospel is about the Kingdom of God. It is yet another simple parable or story that Jesus told his followers. Its message for each of us who hears it is profound:

*Never, ever think that you can earn the Kingdom of God 'by right'. Nobody can claim a 'right' to belong to the Kingdom of God. Indeed, once we begin to think that we have earned 'a right' to it, it will be taken from us. All the things we do – praying, fasting, going to Church, denying ourselves things, none of them give us a 'right' to belong in the Kingdom. When the Kingdom of God is finally revealed on Earth, we may be very surprised by those who are at the centre of it.*

This is what Jesus says to us today: *"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."*