

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON ANGLESEY

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

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[We pray for those who are sick at this time -](#)

[We pray also for those who have died recently -](#)

Gerard Cusack, Winifred Vince, Christine Knight.

[And for those who have anniversaries around this](#)

[time:](#) Tommy Robinson, George Davidson, Mona Fieldsend, Donald Prince, Joan Tait, Glyn Pearce, Phillip O'Neill, Eunice Wiramanaden, Sydney Edwards, Ray Timms, Anne Teresa Roberts and Owen Jones

["Many thanks](#) to everyone who donated their used stamps to the Multiple Sclerosis appeal. We've had a card from the collectors to say we **helped** to raise £1,363 last year. Thank you. Please keeping on saving them - with a small border left around the stamp." Ruth Langly (Amlwch).

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. His Feast Day is this Wednesday. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.

[TIME OF MASSES ON ANGLESEY](#)

Amlwch	4pm 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

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*

[JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION](#)

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Anglo-Irish Province (England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Denmark) have recently agreed to make *Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation* one of their priorities for mission, in response to Pope Francis's invitation in *Laudato Si*, to become more aware of the beauty of creation and how we are destroying this precious gift at this time. Viewing together the following helpful videos, followed by reflection and discussion, will help to raise awareness of the call to care for our 'Common Home' and how we can respond. **You are invited to join in on Wednesday mornings at 11am** (also if requested evening sessions 7pm) via Zoom. Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com to receive the link to each session. The session topics are:

Wednesday 25th January 11am

Session 2: Chris Johnston 'Sustaining us on Our Journey'

Wednesday 1st February 11am

Session 3: Fr Michael Rodgers from Glendalough - 'Celtic Spirituality' from Glendalough

Wednesday 8th February 11am

Session 4: Joe Gunn "Emerging from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance from Laudato Si".

[See the Poster on the notice boards of our Churches.](#)

FOODBANK: A recent poll has revealed that in the last month, one in ten people have used a food bank. We are all struggling at the moment, and lots of us who never considered ourselves vulnerable, might be feeling that we are vulnerable now. In these days of high bills and low income we are asked to look after each other, and keep an eye on those who are perhaps too proud or unused to asking for help. **To do:-** Help keep the foodbanks well stocked. Think about donating one item every time you visit your supermarket. There are collection points at the rear of our Churches.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

There will be a gathering in Holyhead Parish Hall for all those who need to renew their DBS forms (*Disclosure and Barring Service*). The Hall will be open next Saturday 28th January at 10am. It is vital that all those who have a DBS form check that it is still in date. If not, then this is your opportunity to get it renewed. The actual checking process will not take very long - so the earlier you come the quicker you will be free to go. If you have one of these certificates and it is out of date you cannot practice the particular ministry you are involved in until it is renewed. Eucharistic Ministers, Bereavement Visitors and Funeral Ministers are all required to have an up to date form. Those that come along to renew will need ID Passport, Drivers License, and a household bill with their name on it. Mary Rowlands and Karen Lewis, from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be in St Mary's Hall, to complete the process.

READING GROUP: Fridays 11am – 12.15 via Zoom - We are reading '15 Days of Prayer with St Eugene de Mazenod' the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and former Bishop of Marseille was canonised as saint in 1995. Through the transformative moments from the life of Saint Eugene and key texts from his writings we are invited into a deeper vision of discipleship and service.

FINAL SYNOD CONVERSATIONS FOR RHOSNEIGR - 'What now?': Please join your group for a final conversation to consider what came out of the *Island Assembly Day* and how we in our communities can respond. St Therese Rhosneigr: Wednesday 2pm 25th January in John + Deryth Tierney's home in Llanfaelog.

NEW FAMILY PRAYER GROUP: starting this **Monday 23rd January 2023, 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Zoom**. This new group established by the Marriage & Family Life Commission will be held **fortnightly** providing an opportunity for parents and children join in fellowship with other families across the Diocese of Wrexham. Have fun exploring our faith in the home as a family, through the sharing of our favourite faith traditions, reflections on scripture, hymns and prayers. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jeanie at mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk, telephone: 07542 268728, or at '[Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Wrexham](#)'.

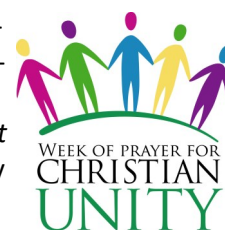
LAUDATO SÍ ACTION GROUP: Planning Meeting Tuesday 24th January, 2pm via Zoom

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Monday 30th January, 7pm via Zoom

SEQUENCE DANCING. BACK BY REQUEST! Thursday afternoons in the Hall beneath our Church in Amlwch - from 2pm till 4pm. Tea and cake. £3.00 entry - no need to be able to dance. A great way to start the New Year, exercise and make new friends. All welcome.

LENT will start on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. Here in St Mary's Holyhead there are Lenten Lunches in the parish hall after the Wednesday Morning Mass which is usually held at a later time during Lent. The organisers in Holyhead would like to be able to do the same this year. They are asking for Volunteers to prepare and serve the soup. If you can help, sign up on the rota at the back of St Mary's Church. You need a group of 3 people to prepare and serve.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK began last Wednesday 18th January and ends this coming Wednesday 25th January. For more than a century it has been celebrated every year by Christians of all Churches and ecclesial communities in order to invoke the extraordinary gift for which the Lord Jesus himself prayed at The Last Supper, before his Passion "*that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they may also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me*" (John 17:21). The practice of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was introduced in 1908 by Fr Paul Wattson, the founder of an Anglican religious community who later entered the Catholic Church, The initiative received the blessing of Pope Benedict XV, who encouraged its celebration throughout the Catholic Church in February 1916. The Octave of Prayer was developed and perfected in the 1930s by Abbé Paul Couturier of Lyons, who supported the prayer "*for the unity of the Church as Christ wants her and in conformity with the instruments that he desires*". His last writings show that Abbé Couturier saw this Week as a means which enables Christ's universal prayer "*to enter and penetrate the entire Body of Christians*"; it must grow until it becomes "*an immense, unanimous cry of the entire People of God*" asking God for this great gift. Moreover the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is in itself one of the most effective expressions of the impetus the Second Vatican Council gave to the search for full communion among all Christ's disciples. May this spiritual event that unites Christians of all traditions increase our awareness that the true unity for which we strive cannot be solely the result of our own efforts but, rather, will be a gift from on high, to be ceaselessly prayed for.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (St Mary's) A new rota is at the back of the Church. Please take a copy home with you.