

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](#) - at home, in our nursing homes and in hospital

[We pray also for those who have died recently](#) - Mary Mathews, Gerard Cusack, Winifred Vince, Thomas William Jones (Bill).

[And for those who have anniversaries around this time](#): Mary Markey, Kenneth Foley, Kathleen McKeever, Clare Ruddin, Joe Guiney, Moira Attara, Eric Connor, John Danyack, Bill Reilly, Winnie Maguire, Mary Hutchinson, Anne Hazell, Joe Rowan, Debs Wilson, Elizabeth Greenham, Paula Thomas, Pamela Murphy, Frank Murtagh, Geraldine, Shannon and Shane Newman. Frank Smyth, Thomas Nevin, Maria Hoang Thi Lo, Maria Le Thi Tha, Peter Tran Van Cat, Peter Ho Van Dinh, Peter Ho Ba, Francis-Xavier Le Dinh Quyen.

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*

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

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** via Zoom. Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com to receive the link to each session. The session topics are:
Wednesday 1st February 11am : Session 3: Fr Michael Rodgers '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.](#)

CANADIAN SINGER/SONGWRITER, LEONARD COHEN,

spoke in one of his songs about, "the staggering account of the Sermon on the Mount", which he said "I don't pretend to understand at all." Today's Gospel, the opening of the "Sermon on the Mount", is not something to be analysed and understood, but something to be lived, one small step at a time. In it, Jesus allows us to glimpse what the Kingdom of God will look like. It will be a Kingdom that welcomes "the poor, the gentle, mourners, fighters for justice, the merciful, the genuine, peacemakers, persecuted and betrayed". In other words, it is a Kingdom for ALL of us, if we are open enough to accept that we are, at some times, all of these things. This Kingdom of God is our Kingdom; to have and to share with others. One tiny step at a time, one small word at a time, one single encounter at a time we can make the Kingdom of God ever more present in our world. It is not something to be understood, just lived!

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.

NEW FAMILY PRAYER GROUP: started last Monday 23rd January, 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 to 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](#)'.

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

SEQUENCE DANCING. BACK BY REQUEST! Every Thursday afternoon 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 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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 3rd March. The Amlwch Service will be held in St Eleth's Church, Dinorben Square AMLWCH LL68 9EA and led by the parishioners of Our Lady Star of The Sea, at 11 am followed by lunch.

AMLWCH/BENLLECH PARISH COUNCIL on Tuesday 14th February at 7pm Via Zoom"

HOLYHEAD/RHOSNEIGR PARISH COUNCIL: This Wednesday at 7pm in St Mary's Hall, Holyhead.

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. **AMLWCH FOODBANK** offer our thanks for all those people who do contribute in some way to help what we are doing across the island. This month alone the Amlwch Food Bank has had 31 referrals and fed 51 struggling people. We have also helped with the rising fuel costs. This would be made more difficult for us without your many donations of food, toiletries and money, so again a big thank you to you all.

THE FEAST OF PURIFICATION 2ND FEBRUARY is also known as Candlemas because traditionally this is the day on which the year's supply of candles for the church is blessed. By the fifth century we were lighting candles on this day to symbolize that Jesus Christ was the light, the truth and the way.



This day is also the feast of the **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**. Simeon, an elderly man, had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough for this wish to be fulfilled. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of waiting, as Simeon's was?

ST BLAISE FEBRUARY 3RD St. Blaise's name is invoked for throat ailments. Blaise earned this reputation for saving a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. The blessing of throats, for those who wish, will take place at next Wednesday's Mass at 10am in the Oratory Holyhead on his Feast Day of St Blaise February 3rd.