

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:](#)

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

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

[time:](#) Joe Foster, Dennis Masterson,
Frances Galea, David Briggs, Eric Bradley,
Katherine MacGregor, Arthur Grove, James
McGregor, Paul Coogan, Sara Louise Speakman,
Paul Roberts, Barry McMullen, Liam Harvey,
Bridget and Joseph Harvey.

"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

[THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION](#) at the 3 Christmas Masses in Holyhead and Rhosneigr amounted to £1,220. This is one of the two collections per year for the Oblate Fathers. Many thanks for your generosity especially during this very difficult time for everyone.

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

The Oblates of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Denmark have recently agreed to make *Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation* one of our 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. **Join in on Wednesday mornings 11am** (also if requested evening sessions 7pm) via Zoom. Contact paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com to receive the link to each session.

Wednesday 18th January 11am

Session 1: Nellie McLaughlin *'Listening to the Voice of the Earth and the Voice of the Poor'*

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"

[TEA & COFFEE](#) will be served in St Mary's Hall, Holyhead after the 11am Mass.



USED STAMPS: A reminder to keep all your old stamps. Ruth Langley (Amlwch) is collecting them for Multiple Sclerosis Charity. They can be given to Fr Joe or Fr Frank. In St Mary's Church. There is a smallish green box at the rear of the Church for you to place them in.

READING GROUP Fridays 11am via Zoom begins in the New Year Friday January 13th reading '15 Days of Prayer with St Eugene'

FINAL SYNOD CONVERSATIONS for Rhosneigr and Llangejni - 'What now?': Please join your group for a final conversation to consider what came out of the Assembly Day and how we in our community can respond.

• St Therese Rhosneigr: Wednesday 2pm 18th January • St Joseph's, Llangejni: Thursday 2pm 19th January.

THANKS - to all who joined in to beautify Benllech Church for the Christmas Liturgies: flower arrangers Maire Briggs and Fran Smith, church cleaners, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristan, organ player on Christmas morning. As well as Fr Joe and Fr Frank and all our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY FREE PASS. You may remember that this was advertised last Autumn. St Mary's Parish Office has a Church Pass for free entry to Westminster Abbey in London. It will admit up to 4 adults at any one time making a saving of over £80. It is valid for 6 visits of which three have been used. So - three opportunities left before it expires in a few months. Interested? Contact the Parish Office 01407 762457.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT: "OFFERTORY COLLECTION". A couple of new parishioners to our Churches here on Anglesey have asked about the best way to contribute to the Offertory Collection at Masses. The best way is by making a standing order for the weekly / monthly amount the person wishes to contribute. This may not be feasible for some. Another method is to have a box of Offertory Envelopes which are marked with the Sunday date on each. Many parishioners in all our Churches choose this method as it is also a visual reminder of the weekly donation. Other people choose to donate with cash at the Mass when the collection is made. Whatever method is chosen, your contribution is gratefully received as in order to function - parishes need income. During these difficult times all of us are experiencing the rise in the cost of living: higher energy charges for heating and lighting, food becoming more expensive, insurance rates rising, to mention only a few examples. Any household has to take stock and try to live within its means lest it go into debt, with all the problems that would bring to any family. Knowing how much money comes into the household each week or month is a major factor in helping to live within the means and not go into debt. And it is the same for the 2 Parish Houses and the 7 Churches on the Island. Many of you Gift Aid your donation. This means that if you pay income tax Gift Aid can be claimed on your donations through the year. All you have to do is fill in a one-off form and the rest is done for you. For instance last year Holyhead and Rhosneigr Churches were able to claim back £9,881 on the donations that were made. This money would remain unclaimed. It is an amazing amount of money that we do not have to do very much to claim it., but the benefits it brings are very much appreciated. So please - if anyone is paying tax and has not filled in a Gift Aid Form - please seriously consider doing so. It is simple, it is easy, it is confidential. There are forms at the rear of the Church for taking away and filling in. For more information contact the Parish Office on 01407 762457.

DEATH OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, speaking shortly after the Requiem Mass in St Peter's Square for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, described the funeral as in one way "a straightforward celebration of a Funeral Mass," in another way, a uniquely historical event "of great emotional depth and stature." The Requiem Mass, presided over by Benedict's successor Pope Francis, took place on Thursday morning, 5 January, after almost 200,000 pilgrims had paid their final respects to the Pope Emeritus during a period of his lying in state for the previous three days. Cardinal Nichols said he was collecting his memories of Pope Benedict during the Mass and considered his last homily before retiring as Pope. In it, Benedict used the image of Jesus asleep in the back of the boat when the storm came on the Sea of Galilee and the disciples were frightened. Benedict said, 'but now Jesus never sleeps and he's always with us.' During the Mass Cardinal Nichols was thinking about those things and, quite simply, how lovable Benedict was and therefore thanking God for the gifts that He gave us through him. "In one way it was a very straightforward celebration of a Funeral Mass as would take place at the death of any Catholic in any parish church. And yet in another way it was a uniquely historical event and an event of great emotional depth and stature. I think we can say it's the first time [in over 200 years] that a pope has buried a pope who has just died and in that sense there was a uniqueness to it. But I think it was also a moment in which, for me certainly, there was a heightened sense of loss – a sense of my own sadness that Benedict is no longer with us in person. At the same time the ceremony was an unshakable expression of faith and trust in the promises of Jesus. So we had both sadness and hope, we had the grief of loss and the certainty of faith. I reflected on how much Benedict, his life and his spirituality, was focused on a relationship with Jesus. Those books that he wrote about Jesus of Nazareth in some ways summed up not only his learning but also his spirituality and his prayer".