

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ON YNYS MÔN

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

Striving to be **“Welcoming, Inclusive and Outward Looking”**

“Croesawgar, Cynhwysol ac Eangfrydig”

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1st Sunday of Advent Year B 3rd December 2023

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TIME OF MASSES/SERVICES ON ANGLESEY

Amlwch 4pm Saturday, Tuesday 10am

Beaumaris 6pm Saturday,

Benllech 10am Sunday, Wednesday 10am

Llangefni 11am Sunday, 10am Thursday

Holyhead 10.30am Sunday, Wednesday 10am

Rhosneigr 5pm Saturday, 10am Thursday

THE PARISH OFFICE IS HOPEFULLY BEING STAFFED ON MONDAY,

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 10-2PM

UPDATE ABOUT FR FRANK

Fr Frank was admitted to Ysbyty Gwynedd on Tuesday 7th November. He continues to be treated in hospital for a severe infection in his knee. Thankfully this week there has been some small progress towards recovery and Fr Frank has been able to mobilise without assistance for the first time since he was admitted to hospital. The physiotherapy team are very pleased with his willingness and determination to get back on his feet which will help to reduce the amount of time that he will need to be treated in the hospital setting. Fr Frank is hoping that it will not be too long before the medical team will be satisfied that the infection has receded enough for him to continue his treatment in a community setting. However he has been advised that even after he is discharged from hospital he will need a long period of convalescence to assist his recovery. It will be some time yet before he rejoins the football team! Fr Frank is very grateful for all the support, prayers and good wishes that he is receiving.

WELCOME FR. GODFREY JOEL EMMANUEL (OMI)

We are very happy to announce that Fr. Godfrey will be joining the Island clergy team this Sunday to assist us whilst Fr Frank remains poorly. Fr Godfrey is originally from the island of Sri Lanka, and we offer him a very warm welcome to our own island of Anglesey. I am sure we will all make a big effort to make him feel at home during his stay with us.

ADVENT WITH CAFOD 2023



Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you. Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need of care and support. And in this way may we be found ready when you come again in glory. Amen

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

As we begin our Advent journey together there are plenty of resources and events for us to enrich our Advent experience. Please take and pray with a copy of the Island Advent leaflet which will be available each week. We also have Walk with Me booklets and Cafod Advent prayer cards.

First Sunday of Advent “Making Space for Abundance” : In this season when nature cradles seeds in gentle readiness we look forward Lord to the dawn of your loving –kindness.

PRAY & PONDER THE SCRIPTURE FOR THE COMING SUNDAY VIA ZOOM: Tuesday 5th December 7PM- please contact Pauline Thomas for the Zoom link.

ISLAND ADVENT RETREAT DAY,: Saturday 9th December, St Mary's Hall, Holyhead, 10.30am-3.30pm 'Journeying through the Wilderness as we become Pilgrims of Hope' led by Kirk Jacob from Partners in Mission. Please bring a packed lunch.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Sunday 10th December after 10.30am Mass in Holyhead. A festive celebration of mince pies and cakes, tombola, various stalls and a Raffle. **Donations to the stalls - Bric a Brac, Cakes, books etc welcome/ needed !!!.** PLEASE NOTE **CHOIR CONCERT SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER** - IS CANCELLED

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED after 10am Mass in Benllech this Sunday and after the 10.30am W&C in Holyhead.

THE LIGHTHOUSE (the Holyhead charity that St Mary's contributes to every week bringing food items brought in by parishioners at Sunday Mass) would like to thank you for all your donations. They are currently needing fresh fruit and vegetables. Also at Christmas they are working with Mon Cf to collect items for Christmas boxes that will be handed out to homeless people. If you would like to donate an item for this between now and Christmas we will pass these on. Items for example: hats, gloves, toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks. This is our Advent appeal.

FRIDAY MORNING 8TH DECEMBER 11AM VIA ZOOM : Eugene de Mazenod 101 Course Session 5: . This course is about the life and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. It is a course for those seeking to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the life, charism, spirituality, and mission of St. Eugene. Each session will include a video of around 20 minutes. Followed by reflection and conversation. To register to participate in these sessions email: paulinepasassoc@btinternet.com

ADVENT WORKSHOP AFTERNOON Saturday 16th December 12.30 – 3.30pm. See poster for details.

REFLECTION EVENINGS EVERY TUESDAY DURING ADVENT FROM 8-9PM [BST] ON THE FOLLOWING THEME:"A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" : You are invited to join De Mazenod House Retreat and Spirituality Centre, London online for a series of Advent Reflection Evenings every Tuesday during Advent from 8-9pm [BST] The first talk will commence on **Tuesday 5th December at 8pm.**

The other dates are: 12th & 19th of December. If you would like to register your interest in attending, and have not yet already done so, please visit <http://eepurl.com/hOgE6r>

ADVENT JOURNEY 2023 HOSTED BY THE SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK (SLN) WEBINARS 7pm Thursdays through Advent

Thursday 7th December: Guilty Bystanders? - Companion ~ Muriel Pearson We aspire to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, but none of us is guiltless. From Thomas Merton - The Gifts of a Guilty Bystander

Thursday 14th December: Finding Light: Embracing Hope Amidst Grief and Lament Companion ~ Omar Haramy Amidst Suffering: The Need and Power of Listening to Voices in Grief.

Thursday 21st December Liturgy of Lamentation - Companions ~ Hyab Yohannes and friends Through prayer, silence, song, story, and images we reimagine the gift of the Incarnation in 2023.

This is the link for the programme and also to get full details

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11PfttiDuAGbCD4oTx89JpPAUgZLTpUXw/view?usp=sharing>

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/2V9Ck5ZiXw3N3bee7>

CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES are available to pick up at the back of church— please take one and perhaps take one for a neighbour or friend?

CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK Well done and many thanks to everyone who supported the recent raffle in St. Joseph's Llangefni £430.00 was raised for Children with Cancer UK

BEAUMARIS AND LLANGEFNI SOCIAL GROUP A key action of the recent Island Assembly was to set up a social group for the Beaumaris and Llangefni community. The new group hopes to organise a few local events throughout the year. Events suggested so far for 2024 include; a Christmas/New Year meal, a trip to The Hidden Gardens in Menai Bridge, a BBQ, a summer stroll & cream tea. Look out for further information coming soon.

COP 28 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION 9TH DECEMBER Christian Aid is inviting us to join a local day of action for climate justice **NOW WE RISE#** in Bangor on the **9th December at 2.30** outside Pontio LL57 2TQ. Contact JWeaver@christian-aid.org for more info.