

*St Mary's Holyhead & St Thérèse's Rhosneigr 5th & 6th May 2018*  
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**MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK**

Wed 10am in the Church (Feast of the Ascension of the Lord).

Thu 10am in St Therese's Rhosneigr (Feast of the Ascension).

Fri 10am in St Mary's Church.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.** (Mass times for this Feast all over the Island are on the other side of this Newsletter). Mass will be celebrated here in St Mary's on Weds 9th May 10am in the Church, and 10am on Thursday in St Therese's Rhosneigr. There are four other Masses for this Feast in different parts of Anglesey. This Feast Day is one of the "Holydays of Obligation" that asks us to attend Mass to celebrate whatever Feast it is. But as the notion of "obligation" has largely gone because it is largely ignored. Very few parishioners actually honour the day liturgically with their presence at Mass. It is a lovely Feast - remembering the return of Jesus back to His Father after the Resurrection from the tomb.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those who are sick and housebound - especially Mary O'Reilly (Fr Lorcan's Mother), Vincent Short, Colin Booth, Mary Lewis, and Alan Jones. Pray also for Norman Robson who has died recently; and for those whose anniversaries are around this time: Renata Rutkowska, Monica De Paolo, Renee Flynn and Joe Morris.

**LAST WEEKS OFFERTORY COLLECTION** was £728.70. Thanks.

There is a **2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY. WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE MEDIA. THIS 2ND COLLECTION FUNDS THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

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**TEAS & COFFEES** are available after the 11am Mass. And to entice you into the Hall there is the **CAKE STALL** - which we have every First Sunday of the month. Delicious homemade cakes and biscuits as well as jams and marmalades are on sale.

**FRIENDS OF ST EUGENE:** Tues 15th May 7pm in the Oratory.

**CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS.** Some schools in the area take part in a prayer and hymn liturgy. The service takes place on Friday 18th May at 10am in St Mary's. Which means there will be no 10am Mass on that Friday morning. But all are welcome to come along and be part of this gathering.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children who were baptised in St Mary's recently: Anthony & Andrew Becton, and Jessica & Justin Becton. Their respective parents are Joseph & Nipa Becton and Richard & Suphaporn Becton -who all live in Ireland. But their Grandparents are our long time parishioners Willie and Kathleen Becton. We wish them all every blessing in their new life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit given in Baptism.

**Another longtime parishioner,** who now lives in Dorset, is May Kane who celebrates her 80th birthday this Monday. Many will remember May and John Kane in former years who did so much for our parish in so many ways. Sadly John died in a tragic accident quite a few years ago in Holyhead Port, but is still fondly remembered by so many. So - congratulations to May - as they say in her native land - "Lang may yer lum reek!". (Translation available from your resident priest).

**THANK YOU** to those who organised the *Rosary on the Coast* last Sunday afternoon. Great success with 24 people attending Margaret Eddy's home to pray together and to have a chat and a panad. Wonderful example of faith in action.

**NEXT SATURDAY 12TH MAY 10.30AM - 3.00PM.**

Marian Tolley has been invited to lead us in a reflective few hours on the subject and practice of Ministry of Word and Holy Communion. As we continue with this liturgy in our 7 Faith Communities we wish to make sure that it is done in a uniform manner. So this is a request for **all who are involved in any way** with the Liturgy of Word and Communion to attend this training day. It is of the utmost importance that you make every effort to be there as there has not been an updating session for quite a while. The meeting with Marian Tolley will take place in our Church in **Llangefni** for all involved across the Island. Anyone who has a difficulty with getting there and needs a lift - please contact the Parish Office. Anyone generously offering to give others a lift - please do likewise. We want this to be a successful day for all of us - as we all need updating from time to time to make sure we take part in the liturgy with grace and style and not fall into the trap of "doing it my way". **PLEASE NOTE**, and at the risk of repeating the message - if you are involved in any way with the delivery of Word and Communion, please make every effort to be at this meeting this coming Saturday. But, note too that this meeting is open to everyone and all are welcome, even if vaguely interested and not involved in the planning and execution of Word & Communion.

**GIFT AID.** The Parish is currently in the process of submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2017/2018. Last year the totals for the Offertory Gift Aid were £30,446.33. This year's total is £25,727.70 - a significant difference of £4,718.63. This unfortunately cannot be helped as some gift aiders have died and are not being replaced. **If you pay tax and do not already Gift Aid, perhaps you could consider doing so. It is simple and confidential.** If you are a tax payer and you contribute to the offertory collection the parish can claim 25% back on the money you contribute. All you need to do is sign a declaration form, from the parish office and pick up a box of envelopes to put your offertory contribution in. It's as simple and easy as that!

**NORMAN ROBSON'S FUNERAL SERVICE** is this Thursday in St Mary's at 12.30pm. Cremation at Bangor.

**WELCOMERS AT OUR WEEKEND SERVICES:** Please pick up your Welcomer's Rota from the rear of the Church.

**JOY CLUB RESULTS for the 2nd May 2018**

£50 - 016 Dave Owens      £25 - 103 Mary Williams

£10 - 014 Grace            £5 - 136 Marilyn

**BUILDING BRIDGES** - *Dealing with Differences and Managing Conflict in Everyday Life.* Facilitated by Fr Lorcán O'Reilly OMI at the Oblate Retreat Centre, Crewe. Saturday 28th - Monday 30th July. For more information, pick up a leaflet and booking form from the Parish Office.

**History of the Catholic Church in Wales**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2 - 3.30 pm**

**St Mary's Hall, Holyhead**

**An opportunity to watch a video, in English, on part of this history. Followed by a chat, cuppa and bara brith.**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

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here is a **fundraiser for Refugees** on Saturday 9th June at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Hall after the 6pm Mass. The parish's very own *Abba Tribute Troup* are going to be performing many old favourite songs. Unbelievably talented, this event is not to be missed! No other act like it in the whole of Christendom - and we have them here for this one night only! **Keep this date FREE.**