

**MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK**

Wed 10am in the Oratory

Thu 10am in St Therese's Rhosneigr

Fri 10am in the Church

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION last week £479.43** Many thanks.

**WE REMEMBER** all those who are sick at this time - at home, in our nursing homes and in hospital, especially Ella Connor (Pauline Thomas' Mum), Teresa Ingham, Audrey Storer, Rhona Crilly, Gabriella Caine-Brady, Gerald Goonting, Christopher Browne and Vincent Short.

**PRAY ALSO** for all those whom we have known who have died. And for those whose anniversaries are around this time - Geraldine, Shannon and Shane Newman, Sharon Evans, Susan Rogers, Catherine Pratt, Michael Cuddy, Frank Murtagh and Dominic Peter Eccleston.

**JOYCLUB WINNERS 30th January 2019**

£50 - 023 Anne Owen £25 - 127 Thomas

£10 - 169 Linda da Paolo £5 - 010 Marlon McDermott

Tickets £1 each, are on sale before and after Mass.

**THE EVENING SERVICE FOR CHURCH UNITY WEEK**, was held in St David's Church, Morawellon last Friday week (25th). It was attended by 30 people from the various denominations. 10 parishioners from our Church attended.

**THE DAY OF REFLECTION** held last Saturday (26th) in our Parish Hall was led by Sr Teresa Brittain on the religious content of the songs and poetry of Leonard Cohen. It was a really interesting few hours - very reflective and prayerful. Besides that, it was an occasion to meet people from the other Faith Communities on Anglesey. People travelled from Benllech, Menai Bridge, Beaumaris, Llangefni - and in all there were about 35 people present. 8 from Holyhead.

**THE LARGE SCREEN ON THE SANCTUARY:** Suggestions have been put forward to enhance the liturgy by way of using a screen. This would make it possible to project words of hymns that are not in hymnals, for use at School Masses and other liturgies. It could also be used for showing images during reflections and other services. This particular screen is on loan so we can experiment and see if it is something that would be useful in St Mary's Church. Many churches and cathedrals have them with favourable results. The Parish Council will discuss the pros and cons of such a purchase, or an equivalent piece of kit, at its next meeting.

**CHARITY SHOP** - *Cytûn Caergybi* are running the charity shop in Holyhead this week. Proceeds will be split between Digartref (local homeless) and Croeso Menai (Help for the settling of Refugee families). As always, helpers are needed to run it for the various days, and the more the merrier as it allows others to take a break from their shift. If you can give an hour or more, please see Alison Mawdsley who will organize a suitable slot.

**APOLOGIES** to people who may have been phoning the Parish House or ringing the doorbell and not getting an answer this week. Our Secretary has been on a well earned few days off. And Fr Frank's pastoral and priestly duties extend over the whole of Anglesey - to Benllech, Amlwch, Rhosneigr - as well as Holyhead. So - be patient, and understanding.

**F**OR THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS our Religious Family of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate here in Britain have organized a pilgrimage to various places for parishioners of our various Oblate parishes (although it is open to anyone). Two years ago it was to Rome where the pilgrims had a really good few days seeing the various sights and celebrating Mass with our Holy Father Pope Francis. Last year the pilgrimage was to Paris and Lisieux where, again, a lovely time was had by all. This year the trip is to **Krakow in Poland**. It takes place from Tuesday 18th till Monday 24th of June. Flights are from various cities but from our area it will be from Manchester. Krakow is a city with a rich, vibrant heritage and history. The guided pilgrimage will take in visits to various religious shrines (one of them connected to the late St Pope John Paul 11) and beautiful churches, but also to the world famous Salt Mines as well as to Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camps and the Oskar Schindler Factory. As with the other previous pilgrimages, a coach is on hand to ferry the pilgrims to and from the various places (ie: they are not dependant on public transport). This adds to the cost but it is essential for getting around. The cost for accommodation and travel is: A double or a twin room = £620 p.p. A single room has a single supplement of £175 which makes the cost = £795. This included breakfast and an evening meal. It does not include transport to and from Manchester Airport. Expensive? Yes, especially the single supplement. Worth it? Probably, based on past experience of the other pilgrimages. If you are thinking of going then you need to pick up a Booking Form from the parish office. Of necessity, these forms are quite detailed with terms and conditions as well as payment options. And if you have made your mind up to go, then send off the form asap to the address given on the form. There are posters at the rear of the church advertising this pilgrimage.

**L**eaders of faith-based international development agencies have united to call on churches and mosques to pray for the desperate humanitarian situation in Yemen this week. After nearly four years of war, more than 14 million people are facing starvation and 85,000 children may have already died from extreme hunger since 2015. Now, the CEOs of Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, CAFOD, Tearfund and World Vision UK are rallying their faith communities to pray for an end to the crisis. **Please say this prayer for Yemen:**

**G**iver of Life, Who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food, of parents grieving children lost to starvation, of those who have given up everything in hunger. Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace. In your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears. Let people come before power. Let life be holy again. Let your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen And the lives of all people. Amen.