

*St Mary's Holyhead & St Thérèse's Rhosneigr 19th & 20th May 2018*  
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**MASS INTENTIONS** Sat 6pm - Renata Rutkowski (Anniversary)

Sun 9am Rhosneigr - Janice Harper (Anniversary) Sun 11am - Frances Jones (Anniversary)

**MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK** Wed No Mass or Service

Thu No Mass or Service in St Therese's Rhosneigr

Thu School Celebration Mass 1.30pm (see opposite column)

Fri Mass 10am in the Oratory followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament where we are asked to pray for Vocations to the *Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. From 10.30am-11.00am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those who are sick and housebound - especially Rhona Crilly, Vincent Short and Colin Booth. And for those whose anniversaries are around this time: Janice Harper, Renata Rutkowski, Molly Crystal and Frances Jones.

**LAST WEEKS OFFERTORY COLLECTION** was £557.87.

The 2nd Collection for The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) was £207.15.

**JOY CLUB RESULTS** for the 16th May 2018 £50 - 016 Anne Owens £25 - 078 Maureen McKernon £10 - 054 Peter Cave £5 - 001 Mary McDermott

**TEAS AND COFFEES.** Will be served in the hall after 11am Mass. All are welcome for a cuppa and a cake.

**PRAY & PONDER** - This Wednesday evening 23rd for an hour of quiet prayer and reflection. Reading and reflecting on the next Weeks Liturgy. 7 pm in the Oratory.

**WHIST** – next Friday May 25th 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**FR FRANK** will be away next week from Mon - Wed at the Canon Law Workshop at Wistaston Hall, Crewe.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.** There is a **fundraiser for Refugees** on Saturday 9th June at 7pm in St Mary's in the Parish Hall after the 6pm Mass. Tickets are £4 each and will include light refreshments.

Entertainment will be an *Abba Tribute Troupe* performing many favourite songs. **Keep this date FREE!**

There will be a raffle on the night. Come along for a laugh and enjoy yourselves, and support this Parish Social evening. Bring a bottle (or two)!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH!** Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth. Pentecost, a Greek word for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover. In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because on this day new Christians were baptised. They wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday. White Sunday was then shortened to Whitsun.

**THERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY** of St Mary's Parish Accounts for 2017/2018 on the notice board at the rear of the Church. For a more detailed account please come to the Parish Office. The income for the year was £59,728.57 and the expenditure was £62,009.30. A deficit of £2,280.73.

**NEXT THURSDAY - 24TH MAY** - is the Feast Day of *Mary, Help of Christians* - which, of course, is the name of our Church here in Holyhead. To honour this Feast Day there will be a celebration of Mass at 1.30pm. This liturgy will be led by St Mary's schoolchildren. During the liturgy there will be the blessing of a new statue of Our Blessed Lady. This statue was purchased by the School and will be placed in the "Prayer Garden" within the school grounds. It is hoped that many of our parishioners will attend this Mass as it is the Parish Feast Day. Following on from the Mass there will be tea and cake in the school hall. And after that the School Fayre takes place. All are welcome to the Mass, the tea and the cake, and to the School Fayre. Please come and support this lovely occasion.

**A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Each year our Religious Family, *The Oblates of Mary Immaculate*, have a nine day (novena) of prayer for the special intention of seeking vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life within the Oblates. This takes place from 21st - 29th May. And each year you are asked to include in your own private prayers and intentions that there may be candidates for this way of life. This coming Friday (25th) there will be a half hour of prayer in the Oratory beginning at 10.30am. Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament was always a strong priority for the Founder of the Oblates, St. Eugene de Mazenod. This half hour of prayer in the Oratory is doing as he asked - to pray in that manner before the Lord. Little prayer cards will be distributed at our Masses this weekend. Please take one (or more) for yourself. And feel free to take some for friends who may like one and for those who are unable to join us for Sunday Eucharist. **PLEASE NOTE TOO**, that we have another Religious Family in our Parish - *The Missionary Sisters of the Gospel* - our beloved community of the three Sisters who do so much behind the scenes. Known since their foundation as *The Bon Sauveur Sisters*, their name was changed recently due to an amalgamation of a number of female French Religious Congregations. But however they are known we are grateful to them for their friendship, kindness, hospitality, support of parish matters, and care for so many of our housebound, hospital and ill parishioners at home, as well as all the seemingly little things that are attended to - unknown to most. (Merci, Diolch, Thank you!).

**THE FRIENDS OF ST EUGENE** invite you to: A Day with Fr Selvam OMI on Saturday June 9th 10.30 am (coffee) - 4pm (no later than). The theme will be *A Way Forward* with reference to *Rejoice & Be Glad* by Pope Francis. Fr Selvam is an Oblate and a renowned international speaker. All are welcome - Croeso I bawb(bring a packed lunch).

**OBLATE CONNECTIONS** -The latest edition is at the back of the Church please take a copy home with you.

**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.