

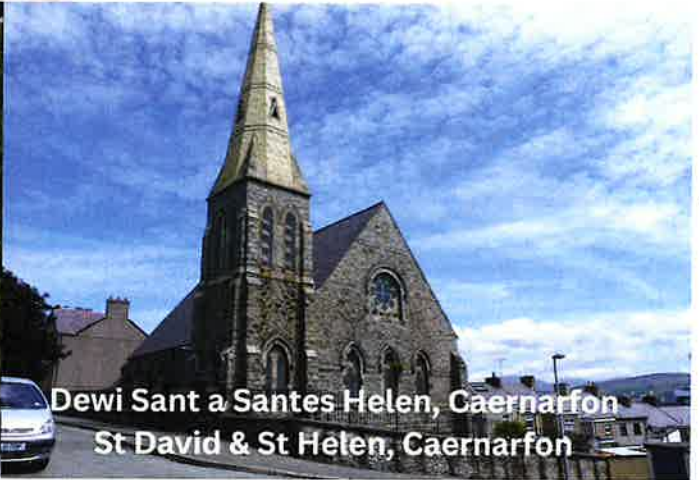
THE FLAME

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Aug & Sep 2026 Newsletter



Plwyf Ein Harglwyddes & Sant Iago, Bangor
Our Lady & St James, Bangor



Dewi Sant a Santes Helen, Caernarfon
St David & St Helen, Caernarfon

The Assumption of Mary: A Sign of Hope for a Wary and Weary World

On 15 August the Church celebrates one of her most joyful feasts: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This mystery is not a private honour paid to one woman long ago; it is a sign of hope held out to every one of us.

The Book of Revelation speaks of "a woman clothed with the sun," labouring to bring forth a child while a great dragon waits to devour him. The Church has long recognised this woman as both Mary and the Church herself – bearing Christ into the world, often under threat, yet never abandoned. This image speaks powerfully into our own dragon-haunted moment: wars without end, families uprooted, communities anxious about tomorrow. Scripture does not pretend the dragon is imaginary; it simply insists the dragon does not have the last word. The Assumption is the pledge of that promise, written into a human life.

Psalm 45 praises a queen at the king's side and invites her to "forget your people and your father's house." It is a psalm of trusting surrender – and it is Mary's story. An obscure young woman relinquishes her own plans for God's, and is drawn into a glory beyond imagining. In a culture obsessed with status, visibility, and self-promotion, her life quietly proclaims that true honour comes from letting God do the exalting. In the Magnificat, Mary says: "He has brought down the mighty... and exalted those of humble estate." The Assumption is the fulfilment of that song – the humble handmaid raised, body and soul, into the splendour of God's kingdom. In an age uncertain what to do with the human body – sometimes idolised, sometimes discarded when inconvenient – the Assumption proclaims that the body matters. It is destined for transfiguration, for the same glory shown in Mary. Her Assumption is God's declaration that nothing genuinely human is lost in Him. May Mary, assumed into heaven, accompany us with haste, joy, and confidence that God still does great things.

Fr Savi Menachery CMI



Pope's intention:

Aug: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Sept: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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Monday: 10am - 12 pm

Wednesday: 3-5 pm

Friday: 10am - 12 pm

Please send any news items to be published in **THE FLAME – October Edition** to the email address: bangorparishflame@outlook.com by the **second week of September**

Liturgical celebrations in Aug & Sept

DAY	TIME/ PLACE	DAY	TIME/ PLACE
Sat 1 Aug	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass	Sat 5 Sep	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass School Mass in Caernarfon Church
Sun 2 Aug	Bangor: 10:00 & 17:00 Holy Mass	Sun 6 Sep	Bangor: 10:00 School Mass at Church & 17:00 Holy Mass
Mon 3 Aug	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass	Mon 7 Sep	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass
Tue 4 Aug	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 am Morning prayer & Holy Mass	Tue 8 Sep	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 am Morning prayer & Holy Mass
Thu 6 Aug	Bangor: 12:15 Holy Mass	Thu 10 Sep	Bangor: 12:15 Holy Mass
Sat 8 Aug	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass	Sat 12 Sep	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass
Sun 9 Aug	Bangor: 10:00 & 17:00 Holy Mass	Sun 13 Sep	Bangor: 10:00 & 17:00 Holy Mass
Mon 10 Aug	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass	Mon 14 Sep	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass
Tue 11 Aug	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 am Morning prayer & Holy Mass	Tue 15 Sep	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 Morning prayer & Holy Mass
Thu 13 Aug	Bangor: 12:15 Holy Mass	Thu 17. Sep	Bangor: 12:15 Holy Mass
Sat 15 Aug	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass	Sat 19 Sep	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass
Sun 16 Aug	Bangor: 10:00- No MASS at 5 pm (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	Sun 20 Sep	Bangor: 10:00- School Mass - Bishop Peter at Church & 17:00 Holy Mass
From 17th Aug to 21st Aug - No MASS		Mon 21 Sep	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass
Sat 22 Aug	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass	Tue 22 Sep	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 Morning prayer & Holy Mass
Sun 23 Aug	Bangor: 10:00- No MASS at 5 pm	Thu 24 Sep	Bangor: 12:15 Holy Mass
From 24th Aug to 28th Aug - NO MASS		Sat 26 Sep	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass
Sat 29 th Aug	Caernarfon: 18:00 Vigil Mass	Sun 27 Sep	Bangor: 10:00 & 17:00 Holy Mass
Sun 30 th Aug	Bangor: 10:00- No MASS at 5 pm	Mon 28 Sep	Bangor: 19:00 Holy Mass
From 31st Aug to 3rd Sep - No MASS		Tue 29 Sep	Bangor: 09:45 & 10:00 Morning prayer & Holy Mass



**Parish Safeguarding
Representative**
Jo Charles 07454958980



Altar Servers' Get-Together 18th July

Our Altar Servers enjoyed a wonderful day together, starting with the film

Minions and Monsters, followed by a joyful Agape of pizza and drinks in the Gardens of Tŷ Mair – a lovely time of fellowship for our young servers. If you'd like your child to become an Altar Server, please collect a form from church and hand it to Fr. Savi. Thanks to Vanitha and Mr. Jude, and to everyone who helped organise this special event.



Second Collection-30th Aug - For Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

On **Sunday 30th August**, a second collection at all Masses will support poor parishes in our Diocese. Please support – your kindness sustains their pastoral life



**EDUCATION
SUNDAY**

13th Sep is Education Sunday. Let us pray for students, teachers, and all engaged in forming our young people. A second collection will support the Education ministry's work.



On Sunday **27th Sep**, we celebrate Harvest Sunday, giving thanks to God for the gifts of the earth and for all who labour to bring food to our tables.

Funeral of Fiona Jane Walsh



Requiem for **Fiona Jane Walsh** will take place on **Wed, 5th Aug 2026 at 11:30am**, Our Lady & St. James Church, Bangor followed by Cremation at **1.30 pm** Bangor Crematorium.

May she rest in peace



Family Eucharist Aug & Sep

On **Sunday, 27th Sept at 10 am**, we will celebrate Family Eucharist for both Aug and Sept. A special blessing also be given to all those celebrating birthdays or other milestones during Aug & Sep. Please complete a slip available at the back of the church and place it in the letterbox. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Dearly Departed in August and September

Thomas P Johnston, William John Owen, Kenneth Williams, Wlodek Miniszko, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Pricilla Owen, Gerry J Pritchard, Barbara Carroll-Jones, Angela Kiely, William D Foster, John Guy Charlton, Margaret Mary Lomax, John Daniel, Brian Hogan, Ethel M Gilliam, Ifor Jones, James Regan, Doreen Ann Bryan, Basil Caroline, Brian Johnson, Marie Louise Sexton, Rowena Mary Barnes, Robert William Talbot, Carol Ann Joyce, Jean Doran, Jean Walsh, Anne Mary Hughes, Mary Doyle, Stuart Jones, Susan Mary Murrell, Thomas Murphy, Sean O'Toole, Peter Jackson, Anne Francis Elfarissi, Kenneth Roland Thomas, Paul Rahilly, Mary Carr, Liam Jones, Irene Szwaja Jones, Peter Ronald Mills, Irene Mary Parry, Margaret O'Brien, Cottie Baptist, Peter Hill, Irene Marie Sutton, Mary Edith Wilson, Peter Richard Lewis, John E Nolan, Brian Anthony Davies, John Maclean, Major Harold York, James O'Neill, Marguerite Williams, Michael Noel Walsh, Owen Arnold Hughes, Gerard Patrick Lewis, Jaqueline Ann Nhanea, Violet Valla, Mary Veronica Kimpton, Joseph Edward McGrath, Mary Dorothy Owen, Maureen Allen, Rory O'Donnell, Robert Jones, Michael David Carroll, Catherine Tinsley-Holt, William Davies, Muriel Richards, David Rigby, Margaret Rowlands, Thomas James Delaney, Robert McCready, John Brooke, Blanca Michalewicz, Bryan Dixon, Peter Flanagan, Jane Robins, Louise Stocks, Michael Stocks, Mary Robinson, Vera Williams, Stanislaw Kranjaniak, Owen Jasper Turner, Andrew Thurlow, Esther Lewis, Richard Brayford, John Wilkinson, Theresa Burgoyne, Thomas Jones, Anthony Gallagher, Ann Owens, Wawrzyniec Laszek, Ann Christina Smith, Sr Mary Agnes, Maureen Patricia Ellis, Mervyn John Francis, Mary Kiely, Teresa McGrath, David Brown, Rosie Hogan, Ellen Owen, Anthony Jansen, William R Davies, Rodrick Davies, Florence Finney, Josef Lisiecki, Kathleen Mary Leigh, Terry Thomas Mochan, John Hughes, Kevin Noone, Arthur Browne, Thomas P Williams, Elizabeth Roberts, Sister Mary Hill, Edward Fitzpatrick, Alison O'Neal, Thomas Henry Coleclough, Rev Fr Brian Jones, Jane Baker, Thomas J Lynch, Fr Oswald Lofthouse, Bridget Hughes, Catherine Tynan, Beryl Monica Williams, Ida Frances Peggy Charlton, Jeanette Bridget Joyce, Paula Jones, Dean Skillin, Thomas Flannagan, Harol (Bill) Sellers, Edith Mary Davies, David Owen, Marjorie Scallon, Elizabeth Christine Aardt, Oreste Fassiola, Pauline Morecraft, Joseph McGovern, Ellena Keegan, Anne Pritchard, Hazel Murphy, Chris Conway, Anna Elwyn Jones, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Richards, Peter B Eames, Rod Needham, Margaret Kelly, Dennis Kelly, Richard Charnock, Ione Olive Fletcher, Teresa Marie Hasstrup, Joan Murhpy, Aleena Biju, Evelyn Reilly, Jeanette Joyce, Mavis James, Jack Halstead, Eileen Frances Pegler, Mary Pritchard, Mary Irene Jones

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Funeral of Edward Royston Edward



The funeral of **Royston** will take place on **Thursday, 30th July, at 12:15 pm**, at Our Lady & St James Church, Bangor.

May he rest in peace

**BISHOP'S
VISIT**

**20TH
SEP**

Bishop Peter will celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady & St James' Church, Bangor, at **10 am on Sunday 20th September**. Afterwards, Our Lady Catholic Primary School celebrates its new building with a parade from the old school to the new. All parishioners are warmly invited!

**EVANGELII
GAUDIUM
SUNDAY**

20TH SEP

Sunday 20th Sep marks Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (**Home Mission Sunday**). There will be a second collection to support Home Mission work across England and Wales. **Please note that Mass attendance across all Sunday Masses will be recorded on this day.**

**FR. SAVI'S
HOLIDAY**

**16TH
AUGUST TO
2ND
SEPTEMBER**

Fr. Savi will take the remainder of his entitled annual holiday from **16th August to 2nd September**, travelling to India to visit his 91-year-old parents in Kerala and his new Provincial.

Please note there will be no Weekday Masses and 5pm Sunday Mass in Bangor during this time.



Pastoral Visits to the Sick & Housebound

Visiting the sick and bringing Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass is one of our parish's priorities. If you, a relative, or anyone you know would benefit from a pastoral visit or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please pass on their details to Fr. Savi or a member of the parish team. Your help in identifying those in need is greatly appreciated, so that no one in our parish family is forgotten.



Confirmation Preparation Begins in the New Academic Year

From the beginning of the new academic year, the parish intends to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Since our parish has not held this sacrament since 2011, many parishioners – or their family and loved ones – may not realise they have not yet received it.

Please spread this news among family and friends, so anyone who has missed out has the opportunity to come forward. Forms are available at the back of the church or **parish website** and should be completed and returned to the parish as soon as possible.



Blessing of School Bags on 5th Sep in Caernarfon & 6th Sep in Bangor

As pupils return to school this September, let us begin the new academic year by seeking God's blessing. All pupils and students are warmly invited to bring their bags, backpacks, or satchels (no uniform needed!) on the **5th Sep (Caernarfon)** and **6th Sep (Bangor)** to Mass, placing the year's lessons, friendships, and challenges into God's hands from the start.



A Call for New Vestments – Chasubles

Our parish is in need of chasubles for Holy Mass. At present, we rely on a few old, ill-fitting chasubles brought from Caernarfon; formerly, the priest used his own personal vestments. We need four chasubles, one for each liturgical colour – white, red, green, and purple. Parishioners are warmly invited to donate one in memory or honour of a loved one. With permission, a small dedication can be sewn inside, reminding the priest, each time he wears it, of the family's generosity. A good quality chasuble costs around £150–£200.

SVP

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) – Bro Menai Conference

Join our mission to tackle poverty through practical action and befriending, inspired by Gospel values. To get involved or learn more, contact Adam Faries (President): 07886027689 or Anne Breslin (Secretary): 07759759242.

**BRING & SHARE
PARISH
GARDEN
PARTY**



Bring & Share Parish Garden Party – Saturday 26th September

All parishioners are invited to a Bring & Share Garden Party on Saturday, 26th September, from 2pm to 5pm, in the Garden of Tŷ Mair, Menai Avenue, Bangor, LL57 2HH. Join us to grow as a parish family in an atmosphere of friendship and fun. Families and friends are warmly welcome – do come along and bring someone new!