***PARISH OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & BLESSED TRINITY* (www.connahsquaycatholicchurch.org.uk)**

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 **1st Sunday of Advent (C) 1st/2nd December 2018**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 1st December 5.30pm @ CQ Jack O’Hara RIP**

**Sun 2nd December 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 2nd December 11.00am @ CQ Ann Marshall RIP**

Mon 3rd – 2.00pm @ QF **Requiem Mass for Charles Russell RIP**

Tue 4th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Holy Souls

Wed 5th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 5th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Jim Cawley RIP

Thu 6th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Holy Souls

Fri 7th – 10.00am @ CQ **Requiem Mass for Gill Andrews RIP**

Sat 8th – 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Souls

Sun 9th – 9.30am @ QF 2nd Sunday of Advent People of the Parish

Sun 9th - 11.00am @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Advent Dorothy Byrne RIP

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 2nd December – practise Nativity / 9th December – practise Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 2nd December – Polish Group / w/c 9th December – Sharon & Jeannette

**Greeters:** 1st/2nd Dec 5.30pm – C Welsh & 11.00am – J Cawley/ 8th/9th Dec 5.30pm – 9 Morris & 11.00am – C Smith

**Readers:** 1st/2nd Dec 5.30pm – P Welsh & R Molyneux & 11.00am – C Williams & J Cawley

 8th/9th Dec 5.30pm – B Gavin & P Morris & 11.00am – B Bowden & R Martin

**Sunday 2nd December**: Bishop Peter is asking all parishes to offer special prayers for healing & reconciliation for abuse victims.

**SVP Notices**: The next meeting is at Connah's Quay Presbytery on Tues 18th December at 7.00pm. If you think you would be able to join us please ring Peter on 07486001783 or email svpdeeside@gmail.com.

**Annual Christmas Mass**: at St Richard Gwyn High School in Flint is on Thursday 6th December. The SVP can provide transport to and from the event which is always a lovely evening of music, prayer and jokes. If anyone would like to attend please contact a member of the SVP.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: once again the SVP are collecting Christmas Gifts for less fortunate children in our community - tags are on the trees at the back of both churches. If you are able to help please take a tag from the Christmas Tree and purchase a gift up to the value of £10. Ensure the gift is appropriate for the child whose age and gender is on the tag and return the gift to church wrapped and attach the same tag to the gift. The gifts need to be returned to church by 16th December so we can deliver them to local schools before they break up for Christmas. Thank you.

**Coin Collection**: A big thank you to all parishioners who donated to the foreign coin collection - we raised well over £100.

**Christmas Fayre:** thanks to all who helped at this year’s event, the total raised so far is £1,265.21, with more donations expected.

**First Holy Communion**: enrolment will take place at Venerable Edward Morgan School on Tues 11th December between 5.30pm & 6.00pm. This is a one day only registration and **no more children can be accepted after this date**. Parents need to provide proof of Baptism.

**Venerable Edward Morgan School**: applications for Nursery places are available from the school office or download from https://www.vemschool.co.uk/school-information/admissions.php. The closing Date is 22nd February 2019.

**Food Bank**: appeal for provisions as the Food Bank is in need of items due to an ever increasing demand. Items needed are milk, fruit juices, cans of meat, fish, vegetables, puddings, biscuits, cereals and toiletries/hygiene products. Thank you.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets**: the draw will take place on Sunday 16th December after 11 am Mass - please return your tickets ASAP. There is a sheet at the back of both churches for cash donations towards the raffle prizes – each square = £2 - so please put your name in a box and give the money to either Anne Thomas, Pat Morris or Kath Baker.

**Collections**: the parish collection total for last weekend was £238.13 with a further £399.52 from the Gift Aid envelopes.

The collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund was £121.48 cash with a further £201.50 gift aided. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme please use your white envelopes for this purpose.

**Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax (a higher rate tax payer can obtain a further 20% tax relief)**.

If you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have changed your address since joining, please let us know, as it is vitally important that we have your correct address when claiming the tax refund.

**Items for the bulletin**: to Carmel Smith by Weds evening please, tel 01244 830985 or e-mail carmel\_smith@sky.com.