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

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**3rd Sunday of Lent (B) 3rd & 4th March 2018**

**Sat 3rd March 5.30pm @ CQ B Gavin’s Intention**

**Sun 4th March 9.30am @ QF Sarah & Mark Hallette**

**Sun 4th March 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 6th **No Mass Today**

Wed 7th – 7.00pm @ CQ Weekday of Lent – **Deanery Station Mass** Donor’s Intention

Thu 8th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Lent Meurig Hughes RIP

Fri 9th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Lent Pat & Delia Kelly RIP

Sat 10th – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Lent Peter Vaughan RIP

Sun 11th – 9.30am @ QF “ Chao Long Lin RIP

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Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** – Thursdays 9am @ QF & Fridays 7pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – 4th Mar – Mrs Lambert & Mrs Sullivan / 11th Mar – Mrs Golembiewska & Mrs Voas

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c 4th March - Sharon & Jeannette / w/c 11th March - Marilyn & Angela

**First Confession/Communion**: 5-5.45pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. (Mar 6th & 13th) First Confession will be on Saturday 12th May at 10am & First Holy Communion is on Sunday 10th June at 11am.

**Confirmation**: will be on Thursday October 18th at 7pm. Anybody aged 11-16+ who wishes to be enrolled for this Sacrament please contact Canon Joe ASAP.

**Retiring Collection**: Parish Maintenance Fund for February will be 3rd/4th March. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme please use your white envelope for February. The March collection will be towards the end of the month.

**Gift aid envelopes**: for 2018/19 are now available - be sure to pick yours up from the porches.

**Repository (QF & CQ)**: Mass, Sympathy, Get Well and Birthday cards are on sale, also currently available are Mother’s Day, St. Patrick Day and Easter Cards.

**PAC Meeting**: Tuesday 13th March @ 7pm in the Presbytery. Please do your best to attend especially if you have anything you wish to be included. New members are always welcome.

**Lenten Bible Study**: 7.30pm on Thursdays until 22nd March at The Manse, Queensway, Shotton.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness**: 30th March at 11am from Blessed Sacrament to St. Ethelwold’s Church.

**Games Night with Faith Tea**: 6pm on Saturday 24th March at the Salvation Army Hall, £3 per person.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is Tuesday 13th March at 7.00pm. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome. To contact the SVP, you can either email svpdeeside@gmail.com or call 07486 001 783.

**The SVP annual raffle**: will be taking place in March. Tickets are available from Peter Field (SVP president for our parishes).

**Collections**: The parish collection for 24th/25th February was £298.48 with a further £327.61 from the Gift Aid envelopes. The Cafod Fast Day raised £244.14. 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, tel 01244 830985 or e-mail carmel\_smith@sky.com - by Weds evening please.

**Poppy of Honour 2018**

This is a wonderful nationwide project to commemorate the names of all the service men and women killed or missing in action in the First World War. A giant perspex poppy is being erected at Royal Wootton Bassett and over a million poppies each inscribed with the name, rank and number of the person killed will be placed inside. (see www.PoppyofHonour.2018.org.uk for further info.) We have the opportunity to be part of this most worthwhile project. Rose Martin has volunteered and on 3rd March should have received 8000 poppies to be inscribed... and will need all the help she can get!! The first step is to dismantle the poppies and put in bags of 50/100 to be distributed, with a sheet of names, to all helpers. Rose invites all who could help to begin to do this to her house 5 Normanby Drive CQ on Sunday evening 4th March at 7.00 onwards. Refreshments will be provided! Canon Joe has kindly given permission to have this request put into our church bulletin.

Thank you all in advance... hope to see lots of you later.