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

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 **2nd Sunday of Advent (A) 7th/8th December 2019**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 7th December 5.30pm @ CQ Christine & Kevin Maughan & family**

**Sun 8th December 9.30am @ QF Helen & Joseph Owens**

**Sun 8th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

**Tue 10th – 10.30am @ QF Requiem Mass for Rita Jones RIP**

Wed 11th – 9.45pm @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 11th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent John Francis Lynch & family RIP

Thu 12th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Holy Souls

Fri 13th – 10.00am @ CQ St Lucy Holy Souls

Sat 14th – 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday Robert & Hannah Cartwright & family

Sun 15th - 9.30am @ QF 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday Terry Clancy RIP

Sun 15th - 11.00am @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday People of the Parish

**Confessions** –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 8th December – practice Nativity / 15th December – practice Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 8th December – Lia & Natalie / w/c 15th December – Moya, Paul & Lynda

**Greeters:** 7th/8th Dec – 5.30pm C Welsh & 11.00am C Smith /14th/15th Dec – 5.30pm V Kinnair & 11.00am B Bowden

**Readers:** 7th/8th Dec - 5.30pm W Griffiths & P Welsh & 11.00am M Burns & J Batt

 14th/15th Dec - 5.30pm I Jones & R Molyneux & 11.00am R Morgan & A Copp

**Bambinella Sunday**: please bring along the Baby Jesus from your cribs next weekend (14th/15th), and they will be blessed by Canon Joe.

**QF Christmas Flowers**: there will be a collection at Queensferry this Sunday – 8th December.

**CQ Christmas Flowers**: there will be a collection at Connah’s Quay next weekend – 14th & 15th December.

**Please Pray For**: Rita Jones RIP whose funeral is on 10th December and also remember her family in your prayers.

Please also remember Fr Tony Jones who has recently suffered a stroke, Fr Tony served in our Parish but has now retired.

**First Holy Communion**: the initial meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020, 6pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. Parents will need to remember to bring the completed application form, their child’s Baptism Certificate and £8 to purchase the course book.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets**: the draw will take place on Sunday 15th December after 11 a.m. mass at Connah’s Quay and everyone is welcome to come along or stay behind after mass to watch the raffle take place. All tickets should be returned this weekend – 7th/8th December. **There is still time to donate £2 towards prizes, the sheets are in the porches**. Good luck to everyone who has tickets.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: the SVP wish to thank all those who been so kind in taking a gift tag from our Christmas tree. Please return your gift no later than 15th December so that they can be sorted & delivered. Remember the cost should be £10 max and **the gift should have the original tag affixed**.

**Getting to Know You**: we will hold our next coffee “get together” at the end of December.

**Repository Stock**: Christmas cards, diaries & other Christmas items are now available. Please place any money due in the ‘Repository slot’ on the wall in the porch.

**Christmas Fayre**: thank-you again to everyone for all the effort put into making our Fayre a great success, thanks to those who helped on the day and also all the work that goes on beforehand. Our parishioners were so generous in donating cakes, bottles etc. and.as a result we made a total of £1,579.00, including donations.

**SVP Notices**: if you feel you can help and would like to become a member, we hold meetings every fortnight at Connah's Quay on Tuesday evenings 7pm and the next meeting is 17th December. If you think you would be able to join us please ring Peter on 07486001783 or email svpdeeside@gmail.com

**Collections**: The Parish collection total for 30th Nov/1st Dec was £211.99 with a further £368.07 from the Gift Aid envelopes, the amounts for the Parish Maintenance was £140.48 cash + £176.12 gift aided. If you pay income tax and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please speak to Jimmy Higgins/Cath Baker at QF & Brian Bowden/ Pat Morris at CQ. **Please consider giving your 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 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