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

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**Ascension of the Lord(C) 7th/8thMay 2016**

**Sat 7thMay 5.30pm @ CQ Frances McCurdy**

**Sun 8thMay 9.30am @ QF Michael Bonner RIP**

**Sun8thMay 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 10th  9.30am @ QFLiturgy of the Day Former Sisters of Queensferry Parish

Wed 11th No Novena or Mass today

Thu 12th 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the Day Audrey Bleeze

Fri 13th 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the Day Margaret Brown

Sat 14th 5.30pm @ CQ 7th Week of Eastertide Fr Jim Durkin (Diamond Jubilee)

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** –May 8th – Mrs Doyle & Miss Doyle / May 15th – Mrs Smith & Mrs Doyle

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** -w/c May 8th – Paul, Moya & Lynda / w/c May 15th – Dorota, Iza & Joanna

**Please remember in your prayers** Mrs Pat Cartwright of our parish, and the Rev Deacon John Abbott of Abergele Parish, who both died during the week. May They Rest In Peace. We also remember their families.

**SVP Meeting** - the next meeting of the SVP is on **Tuesday May 10th** at **7pm** in the Presbytery.

**FAMILIAS**, the association of diocesan coordinators of marriage and family ministry, are hosting a ***series of four regional events, this Spring, to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the challenges of responding appropriately***. These are scheduled for Bristol (May 9th), Cardiff (May 10th), London (May 16th) and ***Stockport (June 13th***). Nikki Dhillon-Keane, a counsellor with extensive experience of working with victims of domestic abuse, will guide participants through: understanding the prevalence and types of domestic abuse; considering appropriate responses when someone shows signs of domestic abuse; looking at how we might develop local responses in our own dioceses, parishes, schools, communities, networks and organisations.There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the work of DAWG and other Christian initiatives to address domestic abuse. Each event runs from 10.00/10.30am until 3.00pm and costs £10 for FAMILIAS members, associates and friends, £20 for others. Booking is essential; please see the poster in the porch for details.

**Food Bank**: your support is still needed, so please continue to donate tinned food or non-perishable items.

**Collection totals:** Last weekend was £396.10 with a further £429.00 from the Gift Aid envelopes.   Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £143.25 from tax already paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

There were some late donations to the Church Students Fund which amounted to £144.00.

Last week's collection for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph raised £472 00.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend which is the annual Diocesan collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Next weekend, 14th/15th May, there will be a retiring collection which is the annual collection for the Bishop's Fund.

**Would all parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme please be aware that is vitally important we have your correct address. If you have moved house since you joined the scheme or if you have ceased to pay tax please let us know.**

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

**The Pope’s General Intention for May 2016:** That in every country of the world women may be honoured and respected, and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.