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

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**2nd Sunday of Advent (C) 8th/9th December 2018**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 8th December 5.30pm @ CQ Holy Souls**

**Sun 9th December 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 9th December 11.00am @ CQ Dorothy Byrne RIP**

Tue 11th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Fr P Dormer

**Wed 12th – 10.00am @ CQ Requiem Mass for Winefride McGarry RIP**

Thu 13th – 9.30am @ QF St Lucy Holy Souls

**Fri 14th – 9.00am @ CQ** St John of the Cross Holy Souls

Sat 15th – 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent Mary & Tom Molyneux RIP

Sun 16th – 9.30am @ QF 3rd Sunday of Advent People of the Parish

Sun 16th - 11.00am @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent Frank & Catherine Bullen RIP

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

There is a Mass for Venerable Edward Morgan School on Monday 17th December, 10am at Blessed Sacrament.

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 9th December – practise Nativity / 16th December – practise Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 9th December – Sharon & Jeannette / w/c 16th December – Marilyn & Angela

**Greeters:** 8th/9th Dec 5.30pm – P Morris & 11.00am – C Smith / 15th/16th Dec 5.30pm – K&M Jones & 11.00am – Voas Family

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

15th/16th Dec 5.30pm – I Jones & W Griffiths & 11.00am – Griffiths Family

**Marriage Banns**: Ms Navedita Mukherjee and Philip Jolley intend to marry in Mumbai in India on 23rd December 2018. Banns published on 2nd December 2018.

**Children’s Nativity**: we would like as many children to take part in this year’s Nativity, which will take place at the 11am Mass on 23rd December, this is open to all even those who are now too old for Children’s Liturgy. The practises will be on 9th & 16th December

**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.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: if you have taken a tag from the Christmas Tree please return the gift to church by 16th December so we can deliver them to local schools before they break up for Christmas. Your present should be up to the value of £10, appropriate for the child whose age and gender is on the tag, gift wrapped and have the tag you took attached to it. Thank you so much for your support.

**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.

**Poppy Display**: we would like to say a BIG thank you to Jennifer Lyons (CQ Church) for the lovely poppy picture that she cross-stitched for us. Jennifer had it framed help to preserve it and has donated it to the church for use in future years. Another BIG thank you goes to all those who made poppies for both displays. At Connah’s Quay there are poppies from the display available at the back of church for anyone who would like one. They will be there until next Sunday. If anyone would like to make a donation to The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal) there is a beaker with the poppies for any donations made. Thank You.

**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**: the draw will take place next Sunday (16th Dec) in the Presbytery after 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along to view the draw and a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie will be available for you. If anyone else would like to donate to the £2 squares (money goes towards the cash prizes) then please put your name on the sheet at the back of church & give your donation Anne Thomas, Pat Morris or Kath Baker.

**Christmas Cards**: there are still Christmas Cards (boxed, packets & loose) available at the back of Church. There are still a couple of diaries & some Christmas books for children at Connah’s Quay.

**Collections**: the parish collection total for last weekend was £239.35 with a further £375.57 from the Gift Aid envelopes.

The second collection next weekend (15th/16th) is the Parish Maintenance Fund for December. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme please use your white envelope for this collection.

**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.