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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent (A) 10th/11th December 2016 Gaudete Sunday**

**Sat 10th December 5.30pm @ CQ Lucy Kennedy**

**Sat 10th December 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 11th December 9.30am @ QF Frantisek RIP**

**Sun 11th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 13th – 9.30am @ QF St Lucy Rocco & Angela Angiletta RIP

Wed 14th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

“ “ - 10.00am @ CQSt John of the Cross Holy Souls

Thu 15th – 9.30am @ QF 3rd week of Advent Vincenzo & Caterina Muia RIP

Fri 16th – 10.00am @ CQ 3rd week of Advent Jim Cawley RIP

Sat 17th – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent Barbara Farnham RIP

“ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – the next liturgy is on Sunday January 8th

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Dec 11th – Sharon & Jeanette / w/c Dec 18th – Marilyn &Angela

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 17th December at 10.00am.

**Christmas Fayre**: the event was a great success, thanks to everyone who helped, donated and came to support us on the day. The amount raised was £1,413.32 - when this is added to the church raffle and any other donations, we should reach £2000.00.

**Church Raffle**: all raffle tickets should have now been returned, as the draw takes place this Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. This will take place in the presbytery and you are all invited to come and enjoy a cuppa and mince pie.

**Sunday 11th December**: Advent Talk, 6.00pm at St Mark's Church, Connah’s Quay. Based on the Rule of Benedict.

Candle-lit Carols, 6.00pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Dee Road, Connah’s Quay.

Carol Concert with the Deeside Silver Band, 6.00pm at Rivertown Church, Shotton.

**Friday 16th December**: Carols at Wetherspoons in Shotton, 6.00pm - led by members of Rivertown Church.

**Sunday 18th December:** Carols at Deeside Hospital, 2.30pm - led by members of Rivertown Church.

Carols & Nine Lessons, 6.00pm at St Mark's Church, Connah’s Quay.

**Venerable Edward Morgan**: there are vacancies for 3 governors, if you are interested - or know somebody who is – then please contact Mrs Langley on 01244 830408. It would be great to have more parents as governors but anybody who cares about the school is welcome.

**Venerable Edward Morgan Nursery**: Children can join our Nursery the September following their 3rd Birthday, we are open for admissions for September 2017 now and have 40 places available. Please call for more information or to book a tour round our school – 01244 830408.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Monday 12th December, 7pm in the Presbytery. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Retiring Collections**: the Parish Maintenance Fund for December will be next weekend (17th/18th).

**Appeal**; would parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme PLEASE use your white envelope for the monthly Parish Maintenance Fund collections.

If your donation is not in the envelope we are unable to claim back the tax refund. A reminder for the next collection is always put in the

preceding week's bulletin.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £292.80 with a further £383.72 from the Gift Aid envelopes.   Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £137.43 from tax already paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. The retiring collection last weekend for the Parish Maintenance Fund was £287.18 of which £166.00 was Gift Aided.

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

Next Sunday (18th) our children will take part in a celebration of Christmas during the 11.00am Mass. All children taking part need to be at church for 10.30am to prepare.