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

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 **2nd Sunday of Lent (A) 11th & 12th March 2017**

**Sat 11th March 5.30pm @ CQ Lawrence Kinnair RIP**

**Sat 11th March 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 12th March 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 12th March 11.00am @ CQ Don Winspear RIP**

Tue 14th – 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the Day Arthur Sparks RIP (FM)

Wed 15th - 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ – 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the Day Holy Souls

Thu 16th – 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the Day Philomena, William & Annie Lavelle

Fri 17th – 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the Day Margaret Brown RIP

Sat 18th – 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Lent Theresa Channall RIP

 “ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

Sun 19th – 9.30am @ QF

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – Mar 12th – Mrs Voas & Mrs Lambert / Mar 19th – Mrs Doyle & Miss Doyle

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Mar 12th – Moya, Paul & Lynda / w/c Mar 19th – Dorota, Iza & Joanna

**Stations of the Cross**: will take place at Queensferry on Thursdays before Mass and at Connah’s Quay on Friday evenings at 7pm throughout Lent. There will also be Ecumenical Stations at St Ethelwold’s every Monday at 7pm.

**Lent Studies**: St Mark's, Connah's Quay - 'Faces of Jesus' 6pm Sunday 12th March, 19th March & 26th March.

 The Manse, Queensway, Shotton - 7.30pm Thursday 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March & 6th April.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 18th March at 10.00am. This year’s First Holy Communion celebration will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 25th June.

**CAFOD**: the retiring collection for this charity will be taken this weekend (11th/12th March). For CQ parishioners, if your contribution is in the CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope, please place the envelope in the basket on the table at the back of church as space is limited in the collection bags.

**Dementia Prayer Week**: 12th to 19th March. Please pray for all in our Parish living with dementia, especially at this time of year. The Pastoral Care Project has a range of practical resources available to download from their website – www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia

**Repository**: St Patrick’s Day cards and Easter cards are now available on the stand in the porch. There are also a couple of St Patrick Rosary beads as well. The money for any cards that are bought should be put in the ‘repository’ slot which is on the outside wall.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Tuesday 14th March. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £277.49 with a further £341.15 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £85.28 from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. **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.

**Gift Aid**: The new Gift Aid envelopes commence on April 9th & can be collected over the next few weekends. Our parish is in urgent need of other donors to join the scheme as, for various reasons, we have lost seven former contributors. As our Diocese is a charity we can clam back one quarter of contributions given, from tax that has already been paid. If you give, for example, £4.00 in the collection each week, our parish will be given back £1.00 which means you will have added £52.00 to your Offertory Collection over the year. All that is required on the form is your name, address and postcode and **you will never be contacted by the taxman**.

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