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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent (C) 15th/16th December 2018 Gaudete Sunday**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 15th December 5.30pm @ CQ Mary & Tom Molyneux RIP**

**Sun 16th December 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 16th December 11.00am @ CQ Frank & Catherine Bullen RIP**

Mon 17th – 10.00am @ CQ Mass for Venerable Edward Morgan School

Tue 18th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Meurig Hughes RIP

Wed 18th – 9.45am @ QF **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 19th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Lorraine McKeown (ill)

Thu 20th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Helen & Joseph Owens RIP

Fri 21st – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Margaret Brownlie & family

Sat 22nd – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent Sally & Jimmy Morgan (ill)

Sun 23rd – 9.30am @ QF 4th Sunday of Advent Fr P Dormer

Sun 23rd - 11.00am @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent People of the Parish

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

There will also be confession on Christmas Eve at CQ between 4.00 & 4.30pm

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 16th December – practise Nativity / 23rd December – perform Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 16th December – Marilyn & Angela / w/c 23rd December – Lia and Natalie

**Greeters:** 15th/16th Dec 5.30pm – K&M Jones & 11.00am – Voas Family / 22nd/23rd Dec 5.30pm – C Welsh & 11.00am – M Kelly

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

22nd /23rd Dec 5.30pm – R Molyneux & P Welsh & 11.00am – S Payton & A Payton

**Christmas Mass Times**: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – 5.30pm at CQ. Christmas Day 9.30am at QF & 11.00am at CQ.

**Christmas Raffle**: the draw will take place today (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. **Good Luck to you all.**

**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 last practise is today - 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.

**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 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 £238.81 with a further £310.53 from the Gift Aid envelopes, £85 for Christmas flowers at QF was also collected.

**The second collection** this 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. **Next weekend** there will be a collection at CQ for Christmas flowers.

**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.