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

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 **4th Sunday of Advent (A) 17th/18th December 2016**

**Sat 17th December 5.30pm @ CQ Barbara Farnham RIP**

**Sat 17th December 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 18th December 9.30am @ QF Yiao Di Lin & Zong Xing Lin**

**Sun 18th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 20th – 9.30am @ QF 4th week of Advent Maria Zheng & Joseph Lin

Wed 21st – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQ4th week of Advent Tess Taylor

Thu 22nd – 9.30am @ QF 4th week of Advent Zong Tzan Lin

Fri 23rd – 10.00am @ CQ 4th week of Advent Joan Ashwood

Sat 24th – 5.30pm @ CQ CHRISTMAS EVE Children’s Mass People of the Parish

 “ “ - Midnight @ CQ Polish Midnight Mass but all parishioners are welcome

Sun 25th – 9.30am @ QF CHRISTMAS DAY Donor’s Intention

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ CHRISTMAS DAY Donor’s Intention

 **Confessions – Thursday December 22nd, 7-8pm @ CQ**

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

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Dec 18th – Marilyn &Angela / w/c Dec 25th – Lia & Joyce

**Christmas Raffle**: the sum of £546.40 was raised. Many thanks to all who donated prizes and worked hard to make this a success.

Details of the winners of both the church and the Fayre raffle are on the notice board in the church porch, tog ether with the takings from Christmas Fayre.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 14th January at 10.00am.

**Diocese Website**: there is a lot of information to be found on <http://www.wrexhamdiocese.org.uk>. You can also now view The Link from the website.

**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.

**Celebration of Marriage and Married Life**: Will you, or someone you know, celebrate a significant wedding anniversary in 2017? The diocesan Celebration of Marriage and Married Life will take place again in February 2017 & Bishop Peter would like to hear from anyone who will be celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any subsequent wedding anniversary. Please send names, anniversary and contact details as soon as possible to Margaret Hinton, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Coordinator c/o Bishops House, Sontley Road, Wrexham. LL13 7EW, or by email margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk.

**Next SVP Meeting**: will be in the New Year. 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 is this weekend (17th/18th). There will be a retiring collection

next weekend, following all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, this is the annual Christmas Offering. If you are in

the Gift Aid scheme you will find an envelope in your pack for this purpose.

Sometimes it may appear that there is a retiring collection almost every week. Unfortunately we are governed by the dates of many of these collections which all come about at the same time of the year. We would suggest that you give only what you can afford, every donation no matter how small is gratefully received.

**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 £368.19 with a further £423.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week

mean our parish can claim back £105.88 from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you

pay tax.

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