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

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**5th Sunday of Eastertide (C) 23rd/24th April 2016**

**Sat 23rd April 5.30pm @ CQ Philippa Bainbridge RIP**

**Sun 24th April 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 24th April 11.00am @ CQ Ann Marshall RIP**

Tue 26th – 9.30am @ QFLiturgy of the Day Jim Cawley RIP

Wed 27th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

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Thu 28th – **10.00am @ CQ** **Requiem Mass for Margaret Brown RIP**

Fri 29th - 10.00am @ CQ St Catherine of Sienna Deceased Relatives of Peter George Shaw

Sat 30th – 5.30pm @ CQ 6th Sunday of Easter Ann & Louis McKeown RIP

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – Apr 24th – Miss Murdoch & Mrs Smith / May 1st – Mrs Voas & Mrs Golembiewska

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** - w/c Apr 24th – Marilyn & Angela / w/c May 1st – Lia & Joyce

**Retiring Collection**: this weekend (23rd/24th April) will be the monthly retiring collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund. Parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme please use your special white envelopes for this purpose.

On the weekend of 30th April/1st May there will be a mission appeal by a Sister of the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.

**Parish Meeting**: was held on Tuesday 19th April at Blessed Trinity church. As a result of the discussions that took place, a letter will be sent to Bishop Peter Brignall requesting a response to the many questions that were raised regarding the closure of Queensferry church. A further meeting will be held to discuss the proposals for Connah’s Quay.

**Please Pray**: for the repose of the soul of Philippa Bainbridge (nee Mather), formerly of this parish, who has died suddenly aged 56. Please remember her children Jason, Crispen & Elizabeth.

**FAMILIAS**, the association of diocesan coordinators of marriage and family ministry, are hosting a ***series of four regional events, this Spring, to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the challenges of responding appropriately***. These are scheduled for Bristol (May 9th), Cardiff (May 10th), London (May 16th) and ***Stockport (June 13th***). Nikki Dhillon-Keane, a counsellor with extensive experience of working with victims of domestic abuse, will guide participants through: understanding the prevalence and types of domestic abuse; considering appropriate responses when someone shows signs of domestic abuse; looking at how we might develop local responses in our own dioceses, parishes, schools, communities, networks and organisations.There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the work of DAWG and other Christian initiatives to address domestic abuse. Each event runs from 10.00/10.30am until 3.00pm and costs £10 for FAMILIAS members, associates and friends, £20 for others. Booking is essential; please see the poster in the porch for details.

**Food Bank**: your support is still needed, so please continue to donate tinned food or non-perishable items.

**Collection totals:** Last weekend was £334.94 with a further £328.80 from the Gift Aid envelopes.   Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £119.95 from tax already paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

Last week's annual diocesan collection for the Church Students Fund amounted to £305.14 of which £151.00 was Gift Aided.

**Would all parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme please be aware that is vitally important we have your correct address. If you have moved house since you joined the scheme or if you have ceased to pay tax please let us know.**

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

**The Pope’s General Intention for April 2016: T**hat all small farmers will receive a just reward for their precious labour.

**The Pope’s Missionary Intention for April 2016:** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political & religious conflicts.