***BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH***

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 **3rd Sunday of Advent (B) 10th/11th December 2011 GAUDETE/REJOICE Sunday**

**Sat 10th Dec 5.30pm People of Connah’s Quay Parish**

**Sun 11th Dec 11.00am People of Connah’s Quay Parish**

Mon 12th **10.00am** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*:Donor’s Intention

Tue 13th **10.00am** *St Lucy*: Donor’s Intention

Wed 14th 9.45am Novena to Our Lady

 **10.00am**  *St John of the Cross:*  Donor’s Intention

Thu 15th **10.00am** *Liturgy of the Day:* Donor’s Intention

Fri 16th  **10.00am** *Liturgy of the Day*: Donor’s Intention

Sat 17th **10.00am** *Liturgy of the Day*: Donor’s Intention

**Confessions**: on Saturdays @ 5.00pm

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota**

Dec 11th – Mrs Copp & Miss Murdoch

Dec 18th – Mrs Voas & Mrs Lambert

**Sunday Bidding Prayers Rota**

Dec 11th – School / Dec 18th – Louise

Dec 25th - Rita

**SVP Collection**: The only SVP collection of the year will take place at all Masses **this** weekend (10th/11th December). The SVP are sure you will be as generous as usual, to enable them to help as many people as possible during the season of goodwill.

**Reconciliation Service:**  **Monday 19th December at 7pm**. Please make an effort to come.

**Children's Liturgy group**: 5 minute singing practice after 11am Mass today (11th Dec) - a new song for Christmas.

**Children's Liturgy:** Planning meeting Monday 12th December at 7pm in the Convent.

**Church Flowers for Christmas:** there will be another collection for small contributions this weekend.

**New Missals**: If you wish to order a new missal for Sunday Masses, then please contact Mary Kelly (01244 814849).

**Advent Prayer Afternoon**:  This Sunday 11th December from 2-5 pm at the Convent, led by Sr. Gwyn. All are welcome for the whole or the first part of the afternoon.

**Nightingale Hospice**: “Light Up a Life” at St Andrew’s Church, Connah’s Quay tonight (11th Dec) at 6pm.

**ADVENT FESTIVAL: Please support Cytun, Churches Together on Deeside** in our **Christmas outreach**. Longing to help people to see **the real meaning of Christmas**, we will offer mince pies, prayer, friendship and carol-singing. Please sign up for a slot for next Saturday 17 December at Rivertown Church, Shotton (Opp.Boots). **Poster and list to sign in porch or** Please join in by taking part at some time in the day, by your presence and bringing your friends along.

**Bible Group** This Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm. at the Convent, preparing next Sunday’s Readings.

**Church Cleaning**. We need to form a rota of Teams-women and men together ideally. Please consider giving this service once a month. Days and times can be arranged. At present the cleaning pattern is: one week Mondays and the next Wednesdays. Volunteers’ names to Sr. Vianney please.

 **Offertory Collection**: last weekend was £184.52 with a further £259.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. This gives us an extra £65.00 we can claim back from the Inland Revenue. Please consider giving your offertory in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

The only requirement is your name, address and signature. **This past week our parish received a cheque for £4,200.21** in reclaimed tax, for the financial year April 2010 to April 2011, thanks to the 58 parishioners who are in the scheme. **If you are not a taxpayer, but a member of your family is, you can give your offering in their name as long as they are willing and sign the form. Items for the bulletin**: to Carmel Smith, either telephone 830985 (by Weds evenings) or e-mail carmel\_smith@sky.com before noon on Thursdays please.