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 **2nd Sunday of the Year (B) 17th/18th January 2015 Peace Sunday**

**Sat 17th January 5.30pm @ CQ Alan Walmsley Thanksgiving**

 **7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 18th January 9.30am @ QF Mark Price RIP**

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

Mon 19th - 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the day Maureen Hamer RIP

Tue 20th – **10.00am @ CQ Requiem Mass for Peter Higgins RIP**

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

 “ “ – 10.00am @ CQ St Agnes Elizabeth Stewart RIP

**Wed.21st. 3pm NB** **Special Service for Christian Unity at BlessedSacrament Church**

Thu 22nd - **No Mass today as Canon Stewart is at a Funeral Service at Crematorium**

Fri 23rd - 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the day Nicholas & Betty Hoffernan

Sat 24th - 9.30am @ QF St Francis de Sales Joseph P Stewart RIP

 “ “ - 5.30pm @ CQ Walter Millington

Confessions - Saturday after 9.30am Mass @ QF & 5.00pm @ CQ

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** - w/c Jan 18th – Sue, Sharon & Jeanette / w/c Jan 25th – Lia & Joyce

**Today is Peace Sunday** when we pray specially for the work of peace-makers in our troubled world through “PAX CHRISTI”. This organisation began in 1945 at the end of World War 2, and now works in 50 countries for peace, reconciliation and non-violent change. One of their annual activities is to visit the Holy Land to support people there. In the UK, when asked by schools or parishes, they hold workshops to promote a culture of peace and forgiveness. The collection today will help towards their work at home and abroad.

**Collection**: the retiring collection at all Masses this weekend (17th/18th Jan) is the annual collection for Pax Christi. There will be a retiring collection next weekend (24th/25th Jan) for this month's Church Maintenance Fund. Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid scheme please use their special white envelopes for the month of January.

**Christian Unity**: This is the **Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity. Please support the Service this Wednesday at 3pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. As our Parish is hosting this event, please come, if you are available, and welcome our guests from the other local churches.

**Invitation to children and parents:**Stay after 11am Mass, Sunday 25 January, to practise singing hymns new & old.

**Red Boxes (CQ)**: please return these to either Mary Kelly or Canon Joe. They must be handed in by Sunday 25th January at the latest to allow for the money to be counted & banked.

**Collection :** Last weekend was £214.91 with a further £478.50 coming from the Gift Aid envelopes.. The Gift Aid donations given this week mean we can claim back £119.62 from tax already paid. If you pay tax please consider giving your offertory collection through the Gift Aid scheme. The White Flower Appeal for SPUC raised **£301.00**.

**Looking ahead**: 31st Jan: Polish Mass

In October of this year Sr. Vianney and Sr. Gwyn will sadly be leaving Shotton. The community was established in 1980, and for 35 years the Ursuline Sisters have happily tried to serve the local community and particularly the parish, witnessing to God’s love in a variety of ways. The support and friendship they have received has enriched their lives and been deeply appreciated. It’s now time to move on. They will join our Ursuline communities in London, and would appreciate your prayers. (No date in October has yet been fixed.)

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