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

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 **2nd Sunday of Advent (A) 3rd/4th December 2016**

**Sat 3rd December 5.30pm @ CQ Susan Limbert RIP**

**Sat 3rd December 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 4th December 9.30am @ QF Linda Crossley (sick)**

**Sun 4th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 6th – 9.30am @ QF 2nd week of Advent Alison Halford’s Intention

Wed 7th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQSt Ambrose Fr Peter Wilkie RIP

Thu 8th – 9.30am @ QF The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anne Gatehouse RIP

Fri 9th – 10.00am @ CQ 2nd week of Advent Harry McGorry

Sat 10th – 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent Lucy Kennedy

 “ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

 Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

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

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Dec 4th – Dorota, Iza & Joanna / w/c Dec 11th – Sharon & Jeanette

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 17th December at 10.00am.

**Christmas Fayre**: Canon Joe would like to thank Anne Thomas and all her helpers for their hard work, and everyone who turned up to support the event. The total raised will be announced next week.

**Christmas Draw Tickets**: Please return before 11th December as the draw will take place on this day **in the presbytery** after the 11am Mass, where we will also have some free Christmas refreshments - all are invited.

**S.V.P. Christmas Tree Appeal**: If you have taken a tag from the Christmas tree, please buy a present for the child up to £10, attach the tag you took to the wrapped present and return it to the collection box in the porch. **Please have all the presents handed in by 11 Dec** to allow them to be given to the children. Thank you.

**Advent Study**: on Sunday 4th & 11th December, 6.00pm at St Mark's Church. Based on the Rule of Benedict as a guide for a Christian life.

**Nightingale House Hospice Service**: on Sunday 4th December, 6.00pm at St Andrew's Church.

**Venerable Edward Morgan**: there are vacancies for 3 governors, if you are interested - or know somebody who is – then please contact Mrs Langley on 01244 830408. It would be great to have more parents as governors but anybody who cares about the school is welcome.

**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.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Tuesday 6th December, 7pm in the Presbytery. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Ignite Café:** 4-6pm Sunday 4th December at Rivertown Church. Free admission and all welcome but children must bring an adult. There will be food & drink, art & craft, DIY Nativity Play, stories & fun.

**Retiring Collections**: the Parish Maintenance Fund collection for November is this weekend (3rd/4th December). 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.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £344.14 with a further £300.00 from the Gift Aid envelopes.   Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £75.00 from tax already 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.