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

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 **1st Sunday of Lent (A) 4th & 5th March 2017**

**Sat 4th March 5.30pm @ CQ Henry Massetti RIP**

**Sat 4th March 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 5th March 9.30am @ QF Julian McFarlane (ill)**

**Sun 5th March 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 7th – **No Mass today as Canon Joe is away**

Wed 8th - **No Mass today as Canon Joe is away**

Thu 9th – 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the Day Dot Bellis RIP (Flint)

Fri 10th – 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the Day Bill Taylor RIP

Sat 11th – 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Lent Lawrence Kinnair RIP

 “ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

Sun 12th – 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ Don Winspear RIP

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – Mar 5th – Miss Murdoch & Mrs Voas / Mar 12th – Mrs Voas & Mrs Lambert

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Mar 5th – Lia & Joyce / w/c Mar 12th – Moya, Paul & Lynda

**Stations of the Cross**: will take place at Queensferry on Thursdays before Mass and at Connah’s Quay on Friday evenings at 7pm throughout Lent. There will also be Ecumenical Stations at St Ethelwold’s every Monday at 7pm.

**Lent Studies**: St Mark's, Connah's Quay - 'Faces of Jesus' 6pm Sunday 12th March, 19th March & 26th March.

 The Manse, Queensway, Shotton - 7.30pm Thursday 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March & 6th April.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 18th March at 10.00am. This year’s First Holy Communion celebration will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 25th June.

**Recently Deceased**: Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Joseph De Lisle who passed away 23rd February, his Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 22nd March, 1pm at Queensferry. Please pray for Nancy & their family.

Also pray for the family of William Anthony Durkin of Aston Park who passed away on 25th February, his funeral is on Monday 20th March, 10.40am at Chester Crematorium.

**CAFOD**: Friday March 10th is the CAFOD Family Fast Day and the retiring collection for this charity will be taken next weekend (11th/12th March). Envelopes with a Gift Aid form are available in the porch - if you are a tax payer it would increase your contribution if you complete the form. There is no need to send the form and contribution to CAFOD, we will do that.

**28th Feb-12th Mar is Fairtrade fortnight**: We are a Fairtrade parish and Wales is the first Fairtrade country in the world, we need to buy these products to keep them in the shops. Buying just one item makes a positive difference to the life of the grower, their family and community and make someone’s life better. Thank you for your continued support.

**Repository**: St Patrick’s Day cards and Easter cards are now available on the stand in the porch. There are also a couple of St Patrick Rosary beads as well. The money for any cards that are bought should be put in the ‘repository’ slot which is on the outside wall.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Tuesday 13th March. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £279.32 with a further £351.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £87.88 from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. **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.

**Gift Aid**: The new Gift Aid envelopes commence on April 9th & can be collected over the next few weekends. Our parish is in urgent need of other donors to join the scheme as, for various reasons, we have lost seven former contributors. As our Diocese is a charity we can clam back one quarter of contributions given, from tax that has already been paid. If you give, for example, £4.00 in the collection each week, our parish will be given back £1.00 which means you will have added £52.00 to your Offertory Collection over the year. All that is required on the form is your name, address and postcode and **you will never be contacted by the taxman**.

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