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 **2nd Sunday of Advent (B) 9th & 10th December 2017**

**Sat 9th December 5.30pm @ CQ Holy Souls**

**Sun 10th December 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 10th December 11.00am @ CQ Noreen Ferrari RIP**

Tue 12th - 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Fr Patrick Dowd RIP

Wed 13th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 **“ “** - 10.00am @ CQSt Lucy Tony Cunningham RIP

Thu 14th - 9.30am @ QFSt John of the Cross Doreen Lloyd RIP

Fri 15th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Barry Delaney

Sat 16th – 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Advent Olive Ryan RIP

Sun 17th – 9.30am @ QF Nai Hung Chen RIP

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Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – 10th & 17th December – practice Nativity/Carols

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c 10th December - Moya, Paul & Lynda / w/c 17th December - Dorota, Iza & Joanna

**Confession/Communion**: the final children’s meeting for 2017 is on Tuesday 12th December from 5-5.45pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. First Confession will be on Saturday 12th May at 10am & First Holy Communion is on Sunday 10th June at 11am.

**St Richard Gwyn High School**: staff and students at the school are celebrating after Estyn announced that the school is out of Special Measures in record time. The school is judged to have made such good progress that Estyn has decided that further monitoring visits are not required.

**Blessing of Christ Child**: Canon Joe will bless your crib set figures at the end of Mass on Sunday 17th December.

**Knights of St Columba**: the KSC will be selling their calendars at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 16th December and the 9.30am & 11.00am Masses on Sunday 17th December. The proceeds this year will go to Missio, primarily for Young Seminarians.

**SVP Christmas Gifts**: if you are in a position to donate a Christmas gift for a child less fortunate, both parish churches have a gift tree in the porch. Please take a gift tag from the tree, purchase a gift up to the value of £10, wrap the gift, attach the tag and return the gift to church as soon as possible for donations to be distributed in the community. Many thanks.

**Thank-you**: Brian and Rosemarie Bowden wish to thank parishioners for all the congratulations on their recent 60th wedding anniversary, and the best wishes & prayers for their speedy recoveries while both have been in hospital. Hopefully, Rosemarie will be home before Christmas shortly after her hip surgery on December 15th.

**Christmas Draw tickets**: the draw takes place next Sunday after 11 am Mass, all are welcome to come along to the Presbytery where tea and mince pies will also be served. All draw tickets should be in by now but if you still have some please bring them to church ASAP.

**The Christmas fayre**: was a great success and we increased our usual total raised so special thanks to everyone who helped both on the day and in the preparation, especially the children/teachers from Edward Morgan school who came to sing carols. Thank you all

**Next SVP Meeting**: is Tuesday 12th December at 7.00pm. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome. To contact the SVP, you can either email svpdeeside@gmail.com or call 07486 001 783.

**Collections**: The CQ collection last weekend was £125.64 with a further £386.15 from the Gift Aid envelopes.

Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have changed your address since joining, please let us know, as it is vitally important that we have your correct address when claiming for the tax refund.

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

**Venerable Edward Morgan School - We Still Have Spaces Available In Nursery (2017-2018)**

Children can join our Nursery the September following their 3rd Birthday. Our Nursery curriculum is based on the Early Years Foundation Phase. We have a total of 40 places available.

We give our pupils a vibrant and stimulating learning environment and there is emphasis on the Personal, Social and Emotional Development of each Individual child. We have strong links between home and school.

Please call for more information or to book a tour round our school - 01244 830408. E-Mail: emmail@hwbcymru.net