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 **3rd Sunday of Advent (C) 12th/13th December 2015 Gaudete Sunday**

**Sat 12th December 5.30pm @ CQ Anne & Louis McKeown**

**Sun 13th December 9.30am @ QF Bob Thompson RIP**

**Sun 13th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 15th – 9.30am @ QF 3rd week of Advent Jim Cawley RIP

Wed 16th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 16th - 10.00am @ CQ 3rd week of Advent Thanksgiving Mass

Thu 17th – 9.30am @ QF 3rd week of Advent Peter George Shaw (FM)

Fri 18th - 10.00am @ CQ 3rd week of Advent John Feeney RIP

Sat 19th - 5.30pm @ CQ John Francis Lynch RIP

 Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – the liturgy will re-start on Sunday 10th January 2016

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Dec 13th – Marilyn & Angela / w/c Dec 20th – Lia & Joyce

**Grand Christmas Draw**: the raffle made a profit of £507.80 and all prizes have been claimed, the list of winners is posted in the porch. Thanks to all who contributed towards prizes and bought tickets.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: all gifts must be returned this weekend - **12th/13th December**.

**Annual SVP Christmas collection**: this will be taken at all Masses this weekend (12th/13th December).

**Christmas flowers**: there will be a collection next weekend (19th/20th Dec) after all masses.

**Parish Maintenance Fund**: also next weekend is this monthly collection, parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme should use the special white envelope.

**Advent Bible Study**: 'Dining in the Kingdom of God' led by Rev Robbie Dennis on Weds 16th December @ 7pm, St David's Church, Mold Road, Connah's Quay.

**Collection**: Last weekend was £213.21 with a further £346.00 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £86.50 from tax already paid. We are unable to give the total for last week's retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need as the money raised in Connah's Quay was taken by the people who made the appeal. The amount taken in Queensferry was £101.22 so a cheque for this amount will be sent to ACN.

Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

**If you have been given a Gift Aid form recently to consider joining the scheme, and have decided to do so, please return your form to Canon Joe. We are in the process of ordering the envelope packs for next year and we need to know the quantity required.**

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

**Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.30pm @ CQ.

Christmas Eve 24th December Polish Midnight Mass @ CQ – all are welcome.

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am @ QF.

Christmas Day 25th December 11.00am @ CQ.