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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent (A) 14th/15th December 2019** **Gaudete Sunday**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 14th December 5.30pm @ CQ Robert & Hannah Cartwright & family**

**Sun 15th December 9.30am @ QF Terry Clancy RIP**

**Sun 15th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 17th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Bishop Daniel Joseph Mullins RIP

Tue 17th – 7.00pm @ CQ **Penitential Service**

Wed 18th – 9.45pm @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 18th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Holy Souls

Thu 19th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Rita Jones RIP

Fri 20th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Holy Souls

Sat 21st – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent Kathleen Lawrence

Sun 22nd - 9.30am @ QF 4th Sunday of Advent Antoinette Maxfield RIP

Sun 22nd - 11.00am @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent People of the Parish

**Confessions** –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 15th December – practice Nativity / 22nd December – Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 15th December – Moya, Paul & Lynda / w/c 22nd December – Polish Group

**Greeters:** 14th/15th Dec – 5.30pm V Kinnair & 11.00am B Bowden /21st/22nd Dec – 5.30pm K&M Jones & 11.00am Voas family

**Readers:**  14th/15th Dec - 5.30pm I Jones & R Molyneux & 11.00am R Morgan & A Copp

21st/22nd Dec - 5.30pm P Welsh & P Morris & 11.00am R Martin & C Williams

**Penitential Service**: this will be on Tuesday 17th December, 7.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

**CQ Christmas Flowers**: there will be a collection at Connah’s Quay this weekend – 14th & 15th December.

**First Holy Communion**: the initial meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020, 6pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. Parents will need to remember to bring the completed application form, their child’s Baptism Certificate and £8 to purchase the course book.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets**: the draw will take place today (15th December) after 11 am Mass, everyone is welcome to come along or stay behind after mass to watch the raffle take place. Good luck to everyone who has tickets.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: the SVP wish to thank all those who been so kind in taking a gift tag from our Christmas tree. Please return your gift no later than 15th December so that they can be sorted & delivered. Remember the cost should be £10 max and **the gift should have the original tag affixed**.

**Getting to Know You**: our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 29th December after the 11am Mass. Please try & stay for a little while to talk to your fellow Parishioners. Perhaps we could share ideas on how we could develop our community and reach out to local people who are suffering hardship.

**Parish Advisory Committee**: the next meeting of the PAC will be on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7pm. If you would like to be part of this informal group which seeks to support our Priest and develop our Parish community, please talk to Canon Joe.

**Repository Stock**: Christmas cards, diaries & other Christmas items are now available. Please place any money due in the ‘Repository slot’ on the wall in the porch.

**SVP Notices**: if you feel you can help and would like to become a member, we hold meetings every fortnight at Connah's Quay on Tuesday evenings 7pm and the next meeting is 17th December. If you think you would be able to join us please ring Peter on 07486001783 or email svpdeeside@gmail.com

**Collections**: The Parish collection total for 7th/8th Dec was £236.99 with a further £338.10 from the Gift Aid envelopes, the total banked for the Christmas Fayre was £1,583.06. There was £123 donated for the Christmas flowers at QF. If you pay income tax and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please speak to Jimmy Higgins/Cath Baker at QF & Brian Bowden/ Pat Morris at CQ. **Please consider giving your collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax (a higher rate tax payer can obtain a further 20% tax relief)**. If you are in the 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 the tax refund.

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