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

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 **3rd Sunday of Advent (B) 16th & 17th December 2017** **Gaudete Sunday**

**Sat 16th December 5.30pm @ CQ Olive Ryan RIP**

**Sun 17th December 9.30am @ QF Nai Hung Chen RIP**

**Sun 17th December 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 19th - 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Advent Wendy Calley RIP

Wed 20th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 **“ “** - 10.00am @ CQWeekday of Advent Doreen Lloyd RIP

Thu 21st - 9.30am @ QFWeekday of Advent Barry Delaney (in hospital)

Fri 22nd – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Advent Martin & Anne Richardson

Sat 23rd – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Advent Tom & Mary Molyneux RIP

Sun 24th – 9.30am @ QF Holy Souls

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish

 “ “ - 5.30pm @ QF **Children’s Mass**

Mon 25th – 9.30am @ QF **Christmas Day**

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ **Christmas Day**

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – 17th December–practice Nativity/Carols / 24th December–children’s nativity/carols at 11am Mass

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c 17th December - Dorota, Iza & Joanna / w/c 24th December - Sharon & Jeannette

**Church cleaning for Christmas**: can you spend an hour helping get the church ready for Christmas alongside our regular cleaners? Wednesday 20th after 10.00 mass - even if you can do the brasses it would be a great help.

**Christmas Draw tickets**: the draw takes place today (17th) after 11 am Mass, all are welcome to come along to the Presbytery where tea and mince pies will also be served.

Please see the notice in the porch for the winners of our Christmas fayre raffle.

**First Confession/Communion**: the children’s meetings for 2018 are on Tuesday’s from 5-5.45pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. (Jan 23rd & 30th Feb 20th & 27th Mar 6th & 13th) First Confession will be on Saturday 12th May at 10am & First Holy Communion is on Sunday 10th June at 11am.

**Blessing of Christ Child**: Canon Joe will bless your crib set figures at the end of Mass today (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**: anyone who has kindly taken a gift tag off the Christmas tree and not returned their gift by today (Sunday 17th), please contact Peter on 07486 001 783 or hand them in to the presbytery by tomorrow (Monday 18th) at the latest. A big thank-you for all your support.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is Tuesday 9th January 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 £140.82 with a further £261.25 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