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

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 **5th Sunday of Lent (B) 17th & 18th March 2018**

**Sat 17th March 5.30pm @ CQ Fr Jack Keegan RIP**

**Sun 18th March 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 18th March 11.00am @ CQ Laurence Kinnair RIP**

Tue 20th – 9.30am @ QFWeekday of Lent Meurig Hughes RIP

Wed 21st – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Lent Margaret Jones RIP

Thu 22nd – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Lent Donor’s Intention

Fri 23rd – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Lent Donor’s Intention

Sat 24th – 5.30pm @ CQ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Martha E Morrin RIP (FM)

Sun 25th – 9.30am @ QF “ Angela Campbell (ill)

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ “ People of the Parish

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** – Thursdays 9am @ QF & Fridays 7pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – 18th Mar – Mrs Sullivan & Mrs Burns / 25th Mar – Mrs Burns & Mrs Smith

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c 18th March - Lia and Natalie / w/c 25th March - Moya, Paul & Lynda

**Canon Joe would like to thank everybody who helped in any way to prepare the Church for the Deanery Mass on 7th March.**

**First Confession/Communion**: First Confession will be on Sat 12th May at 10am & First Holy Communion is on Sun 10th June at 11am.

**Stations of the Cross for children**: is on Friday 23rd March at 7pm and we would like children to take a part in prayers at each Station, so we ask parents to support children and come along - especially the children preparing for First Holy Communion.

**Retiring Collection**: next weekend (24th/25th March) is the Parish Maintenance Fund collection for March. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme please use the last of your white envelopes for this.

**Lenten Penitential Service**: Monday 26th March, 7pm at Blessed Sacrament. The priests hearing confession alongside Canon Joe will be Fr Fetch from Holywell & Canon Doyle from Buckley.

**Confirmation**: will be on Thursday October 18th at 7pm. Parents need to confirm candidates to Canon Joe in writing please, it’s hoped the lessons will start at the end of April.

**Diocesan Youth Day**: Saturday 23rd June, Llandudno for young people Year 7 and above, to include a walk, toboggan ride and Mass. Packed lunch is required, drinks will be provided. Further details can be obtained from Christine Humphreys - phone 07799703200 or e-mail chrisshumphreys@hotmail.com

**Gift aid envelopes**: for 2018/19 are now available - be sure to pick yours up from the porches. If any parishioners who pay Income Tax would like to join the Gift Aid scheme there are forms in the porch.

**Repository (QF & CQ)**: Mass, Sympathy, Get Well and Birthday cards are on sale, also currently available are Easter Cards.

**Lenten Bible Study**: 7.30pm on Thursdays until 22nd March at The Manse, Queensway, Shotton.

**Games Night with Faith Tea**: 6pm on Saturday 24th March at the Salvation Army Hall, £3 per person.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness**: 30th March at 11am from Blessed Sacrament to St Ethelwold’s Church. You can join or leave the walk at any point along the route. Refreshments will be served at the end of the walk at St Ethelwold’s.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is Tuesday 20th March 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.

**The SVP annual raffle**: will be taking place in March. Tickets are available from Peter Field (SVP president for our parishes).

**Collections**: The parish collection for 10th/11th March was £295.64 with a further £311.00 from the Gift Aid envelopes. **Please consider giving your offertory 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 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 the tax refund.

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