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

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 **3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 20th & 21st January 2018**

**Sat 20th January 5.30pm @ CQ Joe Fernandez**

**Sun 21st January 9.30am @ QF Elizabeth Josephine Stewart RIP**

**Sun 21st January 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 23rd - 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the Day Fr Jack Keegan RIP

Wed 24th – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 **“ “** - 10.00am @ CQSt Francis de Sales Barry Delaney RIP

Thu 25th - 9.30am @ QFThe Conversion of St Paul Joseph Patrick Stewart RIP

Fri 26th – 10.00am @ CQ Ss Timothy and Titus Fr Jack Keegan RIP

Sat 27th – 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Willie Cullen RIP

Sun 28th – 9.30am @ QF “ Donor’s Intention

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

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – 21st Jan – Mrs Voas & Mrs Burns / 28th Jan – Mrs Burns & Miss Murdoch

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c 21st January - Dorota, Iza & Joanna / w/c 28th January - Sharon & Jeannette

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr James Brendan Keegan who passed away on Sunday 14th January and remember his family in your prayers. Fr Keegan spent many years in our Parish and was Chaplain at St Richard Gwyn High School.**

**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.

**Red Boxes**: please return your Red Boxes to either Jennifer Lyons or Canon Joe for the donations to be counted and banked, they must be returned by **Sunday 28th January**.

**Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Married Life**: Saturday February 10th, 12 noon at the Cathedral with refreshments in the Cathedral hall afterwards. All are welcome, but especially those celebrating significant milestone anniversaries during 2018 and Bishop Peter would be pleased to hear of these couples - send details to Margaret Hinton, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk or by post c/o Bishops House.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January**: **Bible Study** @ 9.30am 22nd, 24th & 25th January at Rivertown Church, led by Rev. David Poulton.  **United Service** @ 6pm Sunday 21st January at Rivertown Church.

**ASDA Green Token Scheme**: from now until the end of March one of the local organisations included in the Scheme will be Food with Friends - the Tuesday inter-church free lunch for local lonely or in-need people at Rivertown. All funding for the lunches has to be raised locally so if you shop at ASDA your support through the Tokens would be a great help.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is Tuesday 23rd 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 for 13th/14th January was £196.70 with a further £263.70 from the Gift Aid envelopes. The Crib Offering at CQ totalled £89.78. **This weekend is there will be a second collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund**.

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 the tax refund.

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

**LOURDES – 2018**

We have the opportunity to take 10 young people to Lourdes with the Shrewsbury Diocesan pilgrimage which is a very large one and they take their own doctors and many sick pilgrims. Whilst there they will work alongside the sick and in the hospital, assisting wherever they are needed and working as Brancardiers and Handmaidens for the week. We don’t yet have the dates but it is usually the last week of July into August and lasts for 1 week. Young people must be over 16 years of age at the date of travel and physically fit. It is estimated the cost will be between £500 and £600 each and it is hoped that this will be raised by fundraising with the aid of the Diocesan Youth Commission. As places are limited confirmation is needed from those who wish to take part before 25th January. Participants need to be able to commit to attend fund raising and team building meetings before we travel both in the Diocese and with theYouth Team at Little Sutton on the Wirral.This is a fantastic opportunity which we hope to continue in future years. It is hoped that our young people will take up this opportunity as our Diocese is not big enough to undertake a pilgrimage of this size . Contact Christine Humphreys Diocesan Youth Worker **Tel: 07799703200 or e-mail chrisshumphreys@hotmail.com**