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

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 **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 25th & 26th February 2017**

**Sat 25th February 5.30pm @ CQ Nigel Wren RIP**

**Sat 25th February 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 26th February 9.30am @ QF Baby Emma Wang (health)**

**Sun 26th February 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 28th – **7.00pm @ QF** Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass Hong Mai (health)

Wed 1st - 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQ Ash Wednesday Patrick Reid

Thu 2nd – 9.30am @ QF Thursday after Ash Wednesday Margaret Cawley RIP

Fri 3rd – 10.00am @ CQ Friday after Ash Wednesday David Williams RIP

Sat 4th – 5.30pm @ CQ 1st Sunday of Lent Henry Massetti RIP

 “ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – Feb 26th – Mrs Burns & Mrs Sullivan / Mar 5th – Miss Murdoch & Mrs Voas

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Feb 26th – Marilyn & Angela / w/c Mar 5th – Lia & Joyce

**Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday – masses will be at Queensferry on Tuesday 28th February at 7pm and at Connah’s Quay on 1st March at 10am.**

**Stations of the Cross**: will take place at Queensferry on Thursdays before Mass and at Connah’s Quay on Friday evenings at 7pm throughout Lent. There will also be Ecumenical Stations at St Ethelwold’s every Monday at 7pm.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 4th March at 10.00am. This year’s First Holy Communion celebration will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 25th June.

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service**: on Friday 3rd March, 2.00pm at St Ethelwold's Church. Women in the Philippines have developed this year's theme 'Am I being unfair to you?' All are welcome to come and observe this worldwide common day of prayer.

**Taize**: a group of young people from the Diocese are going to Taize in France this summer and are eager to extend the invitation to others, you must be over 18. There are posters in the porches of both churches with more details – but you must register your interest with Chriss Humphreys by **28th February**.

**Youth Weekend**: the Diocese are running a Youth Weekend at Noddfa for the over 16 age group. Dates are 7th-9th April and the cost is £45. There will be crafts, drama, music (bring your musical instruments) & games. For forms and more details contact Chriss Humphreys, the diocesan youth worker - either email (chrisshumphreys@hotmail.com) or call (07799703200)

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Tuesday 28th February. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £285.17 with a further £381.85 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £159.75 from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. Last week's collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund was £372.73 of which £254.50 was Gift Aided.

**Appeal**; would parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme PLEASE use your white envelope for the monthly Parish Maintenance Fund collections.

If your donation is not in the envelope we are unable to claim back the tax refund.

**Gift Aid**: The new Gift Aid envelopes, which commence on April 9th, can be collected this weekend and over the following weekends.

Our parish is in urgent need of other donors to join the scheme as, for various reasons, we have lost seven former contributors.

Every charity, of which the Diocese of Wrexham is one, can claim back from the tax authorities, one quarter of contributions given, from tax that has already been paid. If you give, for example, £4.00 in the collection each week, our parish will be given back £1.00 which means you will have added £52.00 to your Offertory Collection over the year. All that is required on the form is your name, address and postcode and you will never be contacted by the taxman.

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