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

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 **First Sunday of Advent (A) 26th/27th November 2016**

**Sat 26th November 5.30pm @ CQ Holy Souls**

**Sat 26th November 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 27th November 9.30am @ QF Anna’s Intention**

**Sun 27th November 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 29th **No Mass today as Canon has to attend a Chapter meeting**

Wed 30th - **11.00am @ CQ** **Requiem Mass for Frank Chapman RIP**

Thu 1st – 9.30am @ QF 1st week of Advent Eileen & John Fynn RIP (FM)

Fri 2nd – 10.00am @ CQ 1st week of Advent Margaret Cawley RIP

Sat 3rd – 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Advent Susan Limbert RIP

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 Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – the next liturgy is on Sunday January 8th

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Nov 27th – Moya, Paul & Lynda / w/c Dec 4th – Dorota, Iza & Joanna

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next sessions are on Saturday 3rd December & 17th December at 10.00am.

**Christmas Fayre 3rd December 10.30am Civic Hall**: just 1 week to go. We still need contributions for the stalls and raffle, these can be dropped off at Church before the Friday morning Mass or bring to the Civic on the day, the hall will be open from 8am. Please bring cakes on the day as early as possible please. And volunteers to help set-up the stalls are more than welcome.

**Christmas Draw Tickets**: Please return before 11th December as the draw will take place on this day **in the presbytery** after the 11am Mass, where we will also have some free Christmas refreshments - all are invited.

**S.V.P. Christmas Tree Appeal**: If you have taken a tag from the Christmas tree, please buy a present for the child up to £10, attach the tag you took to the wrapped present and return it to the collection box in the porch. **Please have all the presents handed in by 11 Dec** to allow them to be given to the children. Thank you.

**Venerable Edward Morgan**: there are vacancies for 3 governors, if you are interested - or know somebody who is – then please contact Mrs Langley on 01244 830408. It would be great to have more parents as governors but anybody who cares about the school is welcome.

**Ecumenical Advent Service of Light**: Sunday 27th November, 6pm at St. Mark's Church.

**ADVENT FAMILY DAY**: 27th November at Our Lady of the Rosary, Buckley, from 12.30pm to 4pm.  Bring your children and grandchildren for an afternoon of craft activities for all ages to begin Advent and look forward to Christmas, e.g. make an Advent wreath for your family, Christmas decorations, prize quiz and bingo. Bring a picnic lunch - tea, coffee and juice provided.  The event ends with blessing of the Advent Wreaths by Bishop Peter and a family Advent Service, followed by hotdogs and mince pies. Entry is free. For more information contact Margaret Hinton - margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk or 07842 596878.

**Next SVP Meeting**: is on Tuesday 6th December, 7pm in the Presbytery. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Cafe Project for those in need**: 'Food with Friends' will launch Tuesday 29th November at Rivertown Church (please use the rear entrance), the Cafe will be open every Tuesday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

**Ignite Café:** 4-6pm Sunday 4th December at Rivertown Church. Free admission and all welcome but children must bring an adult. There will be food & drink, art & craft, DIY Nativity Play, stories & fun.

**Retiring Collections**: the Parish Maintenance Fund collection for November will be next weekend (3rd/4th December). 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.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £214.49 with a further £481.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes.   Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £154.38 from tax already paid. The collection last weekend for the Parish Maintenance Fund was £254.19 of which £136.00 was Gift Aided. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

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