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 **First Sunday of Advent (C) 28th/29th November 2015**

**Sat 28th November 5.30pm @ CQ Lawrence Kinnair RIP**

**Sun 29th November 9.30am @ QF Mr Peter George Shaw (FM)**

**Sun 29th November 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 1st – 9.30am @ QF First week of Advent Margaret Callendrella RIP

Wed 2nd – 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 2nd - 10.00am @ CQ First week of Advent Kelly Family

Thu 3rd – 9.30am @ QF St Francis Xavier David Thomas Martin RIP

Fri 4th - 10.00am @ CQ First week of Advent Holy Souls

Sat 5th - 5.30pm @ CQ Holy Souls

 Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – the liturgy will re-start on Sunday 10th January 2016

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Nov 29th – Paul, Moya & Lynda / w/c Dec 6th – Sharon & Jeanette

**Please remember that as we are now in Advent our liturgical year has changed from B to C**

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: the SVP ask that you please take a label from the tree, buy a present up to the value of £10, and return the present wrapped with the colour coded label attached **no later than the weekend of the 12th/13th December**. The presents will help bring some cheer to families in our locality who are struggling.

**SVP**: there will be short information meeting in the presbytery on Wed 2nd at 7pm for anyone interested in learning more about the SVP.

**Holy Year of Mercy**: Bishop Peter invites all clergy & lay people to celebrate the opening of the Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis. This is @ 7pm on Tues 8th December at Wrexham Cathedral.

**Retiring Collection**: next weekend (5th/6th Dec) there will be an Appeal for the Aid to the Church in Need, with a retiring collection.

**First Holy Communion 2016**: there is a meeting for all parents who wish for their child to make their First Holy Communion in June 2016. Thurs 3rd December @ 7pm, Venerable Edward Morgan School, and Canon Joe stresses that parents must attend all the meetings.

**Readers' Appeal:** We are in great need of more readers at Masses on the weekends as there are very few involved in this important Ministry of the Word. If you would like to help in this Ministry please contact either Canon Joe or Jack Cawley.  Training can be given. Please give this matter important consideration - it's not as difficult as you may think.

**Advent Family Day**: Sunday 29th November in the Cathedral Hall, Wrexham starting at 12.30pm with an Advent Service with Bishop Peter at 3pm followed by hotdogs & mince pies. Drinks will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

**Advent Bible Study**: 'Dining in the Kingdom of God' led by Rev Robbie Dennis on Weds 2nd, 9th & 15th December @ 7pm, St David's Church, Mold Road, Connah's Quay.

**'Light up a Life'**: service for Nightingale House Hospice Sun 6th December @ 6pm, St Andrew's Church, Connah's Quay.

**Christmas fayre**: the total raised was £1,387.91 – thanks again to everyone who helped/contributed.

**Grand Christmas Draw**: this will takes place on December 5th after the 11am mass at Connah’s Quay.

**Collection**: Last weekend was £355.81 with a further £396.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £144.75 from tax already paid. Last week's Parish Maintenance Fund collection for November amounted to £297.35 of which £182.50 was Gift Aided. Parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme, please use your special white envelopes for the next collection which will take place on the w/e 19th / 20th December. However, if you wish to do so, you may put this envelope in the normal collection at any weekend in December. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

**If you were one of those persons who have been given a Gift Aid form over the previous two weeks in order to consider joining the scheme, and have decided to do so, please return your form to Canon Joe. We are in the process of ordering the envelope packs for next year and we need to know the quantity required.**

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