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

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 **1st Sunday of Lent (A) 29th February/1st March 2020**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 29th February 5.30pm @ CQ Massetti Family**

**Sun 1st March 9.30am @ QF People of the Parish**

**Sun 1st March 11.00am @ CQ Francis Fleming RIP**

Tue 3rd - 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Lent John Guarnieri RIP

Wed 4th – **NO MASS TODAY**

Thu 5th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Lent Farah Danesh (in hospital)

Fri 6th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Lent Margaret Brownlie RIP

Sat 7th – 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Lent Lawrence Kinnair RIP

Sun 8th - 9.30am @ QF 2nd Sunday of Lent Donor’s Intention

Sun 8th - 11.00am @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Lent People of the Parish

**Confessions** –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** – QF = Thursdays @ 9.15am & CQ = Fridays @ 7.00pm

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 1st March – Mrs Doyle & Mrs Voas / 8th March – Mrs Sullivan & Mrs Golembiewska

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 1st March – Polish Group / w/c 8th March – Sharon & Jeannette

**Greeters:** 29th Feb/1st Mar – 5.30pm P Morris & 11.00am Voas Family /7th/8th Mar – 5.30pm P Rooney & 11.00am M Kelly

**Readers:** 29th Feb/1st Mar - 5.30pm= P Welsh & P Morris & 11.00am = Payton Family

 7th/8th Mar - 5.30pm= B Gavin & R Molyneux & 11.00am = Griffiths Family

**First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Tuesday 31st March from 5.00-5.45pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School.

**St David’s Day**: Monday 2nd March - there is Mass at Venerable Edward Morgan School at 10.30am and all parishioners are welcome. There is also Mass in Welsh at Wrexham Cathedral at 12noon.

**Cafod Family Fast Day**: Friday 6th March, envelopes will be given out this weekend. Please eat simply on that day and donate the money saved to Cafod, they help people who have little food to eat, cannot afford to send their children to school or have very hard lives. Lent is a time for us to pray and give alms. If you are a taxpayer please fill in the gift aid form on the envelope - it costs you nothing but means that the charity benefits from an extra 25p for every pound donated.

**Fairtrade Fortnight**: 24th Feb–8th Mar. We are a Fairtrade parish which means we use Fairtrade products at parish events including our monthly coffee mornings. Please try and buy something Fairtrade each time you shop and support people by giving them a fair wage for their work, it also gives communities the chance to build schools, hospitals, roads and improve their lives. Tea, coffee sugar, bananas and chocolate are the easiest products to find but there are hundreds of products

**Red Boxes CQ**: please return these to Canon Joe or Jennifer Lyons by Sunday 15th March at the latest.

**Repository**: St Patrick’s & Mother’s Day cards are now available at the back of Church. From next week there will also be Easter cards. Any money due can be put in the ‘Repository’ slot on the back wall in the porch.

**Getting to know you**: last Sunday’s coffee morning went very well. Thank you to Cheryl for organising the Fair Trade Quiz won by Isaac, to Angela for baking the delicious Fairtrade cake and to everyone who stayed, helped and joined in. Our next coffee morning will be 29th March. All are welcome and Fairtrade chocolate and other products will be on sale. We propose to hold a monthly "Get Together" in the Parish flat, on the first Friday morning of the month. This could be for prayer, music, craft work - whatever is decided. The first session on 6th March at 10.00 to 12.00 will be a craft/ knitting/crochet/art morning. Bring along a current project - or a request for help or to learn a craft. Perhaps we will begin to make items to sell at the Parish Summer Fayre. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

**World Day of Prayer**: Friday 6th March 2pm at Quaystone Chapel. All are welcome to attend the Service which this year has been prepared by women of Zimbabwe.

**'Wild Lent' Group**: Wepre Park 2-3pm Saturdays 7th Mar-4th Apr. An outside course led by Rev Alex Mayes of St. Mark’s & St. David’s, with a standalone segment each week. Dogs are welcome. If it rains the session will be at The Vicarage, Mold Road, CQ.

**24 Hours of Prayer to The Lord**: this will take place in our Parish between 2pm & 4pm on Friday 20th March and volunteers are needed to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during this period. Confession will also be available.

**SVP Notices**: the next meeting is on 10th March, 7pm at Connah’s Quay Presbytery. If you feel you can help and would like to become a member, we hold meetings every fortnight on Tuesday evenings 7pm, please ring Peter on 07486001783 or email svpdeeside@gmail.com

**Collection Totals**: The Parish collection total for 22nd /23rd February was £192.03 with a further £387.26 Gift Aided, the Maintenance Fund raised £129.68 with a further £173.80 Gift Aided, the Parish has also received a donation of £35. If you pay income tax and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please speak to Jimmy Higgins/Cath Baker at QF & Brian Bowden/ Pat Morris at CQ. **Please consider giving your collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax (a higher rate taxpayer can obtain a further 20% tax relief)**. If you are in the 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 by Weds evening please, tel 01244 830985 or e-mail carmel\_smith@sky.com