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

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 **1st Sunday of Advent (A) 30th November/1st December 2019**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

**Sat 30th November 5.30pm @ CQ Susan Gavin RIP**

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

**Sun 1st December 11.00am @ CQ Joe Harte**

Tue 3rd – 9.30am @ QF St Francis Xavier Eileen Hankinson

Tues 3rd – 6.00pm @ CQ Christingle led by the children & staff of Venerable Edward Morgan

Wed 4th – 9.45pm @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

Wed 4th – 10.00am @ CQ First Week of Advent Holy Souls

Thu 5th – 9.30am @ QF First Week of Advent Holy Souls

Thu 5th – 1.00pm @ CQ Requiem Mass for Jeanne Marie Thompson RIP

Fri 6th – 10.00am @ CQ First Week of Advent Jim Cawley RIP

Sat 7th – 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Advent  Christine & Kevin Maughan & family

Sun 8th - 9.30am @ QF 2nd Sunday of Advent Helen & Joseph Owens

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

**Confessions** –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Rotas at Connah’s Quay**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 1st December – practice Nativity / 8th December – practice Nativity

**Church Cleaning:** w/c 1st December – Marilyn & Angela / w/c 8th December – Lia & Natalie

**Greeters:** 30th Nov/1st Dec – 5.30pm P Morris & 11.00am A Thomas / 7th/8th Dec – 5.30pm C Welsh & 11.00am C Smith

**Readers:** 30th Nov/1st Dec - 5.30pm I Jones & P Morris & 11.00am A Copp & H Jones

 7th/8th Dec - 5.30pm W Griffiths & P Welsh & 11.00am M Burns & J Batt

**As it’s the 1st Sunday of Advent please remember that we change from Liturgical Year C to Year A**

**Parish Maintenance Collection**: this weekend (30th Nov/1st Dec). Gift Aid donors please use your white envelope.

**QF Christmas Flowers**: there will be a collection at Queensferry next Sunday – 8th December.

**Recently Deceased**: please pray for Jeanne Marie Thompson whose funeral will take on 5th December and Rita Jones whose funeral is in 10th December. Please also remember their families in your prayers.

**First Holy Communion**: the initial meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020, 6pm at Venerable Edward Morgan School. Parents will need to remember to bring the completed application form, their child’s Baptism Certificate and £8 to purchase the course book.

**Getting to Know You**: as we have had our Parish Christmas Fayre this weekend, it was thought best to defer our coffee get together to the end of December.

**Repository Stock**: Christmas cards, diaries & other Christmas items are now available. Please place any money due in the ‘Repository slot’ on the wall in the porch.

**Christian Aid Week 2019**: nationally £7.56 million was raised. Sierra Leone provides an example of how the money is used: 58,000 people now have access to well-built and staffed health clinics, 64,000 have received hygiene training and 1,300 women have been helped to set up community savings groups.

**Christmas Fayre**: thanks to all who helped running and setting up the stalls, and to everyone who came along to help the Parish.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets**: the draw will take place on Sunday 15th December after 11 a.m. mass at Connah’s Quay, please return ALL SOLD OR UNSOLD tickets by next weekend – 7th/8th December.

**Christmas Tree Gifts**: if you have taken a gift tag please return your gift (£10 max) suitable for the age and gender of the child ASAP. **Please return your gift with the tag affixed**. Your support in the past has been invaluable and brought smiles to many little faces.

**Solemn Evening of Prayer**: Sunday 1st December, 3pm at Wrexham Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome.

**SVP Notices**: if you feel you can help and would like to become a member, we hold meetings every fortnight at Connah's Quay on Tuesday evenings 7pm and the next meeting is 19th November. If you think you would be able to join us please ring Peter on 07486001783 or email svpdeeside@gmail.com

**Collections**: The Parish collection total for 23rd/24th November was £353.08 with a further £213.35 from the Gift Aid envelopes. 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 tax payer 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