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

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 **Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A) 31st December 2016/1st January 2017**

**Sat 31st December 5.30pm @ CQ Moira & Gerald Burns**

**Sat 31st December 7.30pm @ CQ Polish Mass**

**Sun 1st January 9.30am @ QF All Enrolled in the Book of Remembrance (FM)**

**Sun 1st January 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Tue 3rd – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Christmas Trevor Rogers RIP

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

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of ChristmasJackie Bilton RIP

Thu 5th – 9.30am @ QF Weekday of Christmas Belinda Stone’s parents RIP

Fri 6th – 10.00am @ CQ Weekday of Christmas Glyn Lefley RIP

Sat 7th – 5.30pm @ CQ The Epiphany of the Lord Tom & Hilda Feeney

 “ “ - 7.00pm @ CQ Polish Mass

Sun 8th – 9.30am @ QF Vincent Betteridge RIP (FM)

 “ “ - 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish

 Confessions –Saturday 5.00pm @ CQ

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota** – Jan 8th -Miss Murdoch & Mrs Smith / Jan 15th – Mrs Doyle & Mrs Burns

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ** – w/c Jan 1st – Moya, Paul & Lynda / w/c Jan 8th – Dorota, Iza & Joanna

**Canon Joe would like to express his deepest gratitude for all the gifts he has received, and he wishes the gift of the Christ Child to all Parishioners.**

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**: the next session is on Saturday 14th January at 10.00am.

**Diocese Website**: there is a lot of information to be found on http://www.wrexhamdiocese.org.uk. You can also now view The Link from the website.

**Celebration of Marriage and Married Life**: Will you, or someone you know, celebrate a significant wedding anniversary in 2017? The diocesan Celebration of Marriage and Married Life will take place again in February 2017 & Bishop Peter would like to hear from anyone who will be celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any subsequent wedding anniversary. Please send names, anniversary and contact details as soon as possible to Margaret Hinton, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Coordinator c/o Bishops House, Sontley Road, Wrexham, LL13 7EW, or by email margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk.

**Next SVP Meeting**: will be in the New Year. The local SVP group meet at Connah's Quay church in the presbytery every fortnight on Tuesdays at 7pm - new members always welcome.

**Retiring Collections**: next weekend (7th/8th January), is the annual collection for the White Flower Appeal in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn children.

Sometimes it may appear that there is a retiring collection almost every week. Unfortunately we are governed by the dates of many of these collections which all come about at the same time of the year. We would suggest that you give only what you can afford, every donation no matter how small is gratefully received.

**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. A reminder for the next collection is always put in the

preceding week's bulletin.

**Collection totals**: Last weekend was £626.88 with a further £336.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. Gift Aid donations given this week mean our parish can claim back £84.00 from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax. The retiring collection last weekend for the Christmas Offering amounted to £377.10. The Crib Offering was £39.50 which will be sent to Missio for the relief of poor children living in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Canon Joe wishes to thank all parishioners for the very generous donations given in all the collections.

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