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Hello again. Undoubtedly the highlight of the week for me was the sight of Matt Hancock's face on the morning news as he announced the successful testing and approval of the Pfizer vaccine. He looked as though all the cares of Covid had been taken off his shoulders. Everyone could have the same sense of relief – a light can be seen at the end of the coronavirus tunnel. It was also interesting listening to what he said. It sounded a bit like Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Just because a thing is not illegal, he said, it doesn't necessarily mean that it is right or sensible to do it. Do act responsibly and don't take unnecessary risks, and we will all come out into the daylight safely.

Mass this week was offered for the intentions of Sue White, Pauline Townson, the Jago family, and Julia Martin. The second Sunday of Advent sees the beginning of Mark's gospel, introducing John the Baptist with his announcement 'Someone is coming who is more powerful than I am'. Isaiah chapter 40, hundreds of years before, spoke of 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord", and we are exhorted to get ready to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, and also for his second coming. 'You should be living saintly and holy lives', says St Peter in his Second Letter. The early Christians hijacked the pagan festival of the winter solstice and turned it into Christmas. Now the pagans have reclaimed it and seem to resent any mention of the Incarnation.

There is a meeting of the **LDCT committee on Wednesday 9 December at 7.00pm** in the United Reformed Church on Brookfield Road.

The **Sanctuary Hub has its AGM** by Zoom on the following Wednesday 16 December. Each church has a vote and I have to let Richard Pearce know if anyone will represent St Winefride's (by Zoom) as soon as possible. Would anyone volunteer for this one-off role please? Phone me as soon you can.

There are still 8 places available at 9.00am Mass on Sunday. It was good to get phone calls from so many of you on Wednesday, and catch up on any news. Other people can't come to church because of isolating and other tiresome but necessary hindrances. We continue to 'wait in joyful hope' for the day when all will be free to worship once again. Please phone again on Wednesday between 2.00pm and 10.00pm to book your place. This is one of the legal requirements, but seems to have worked well so far.

A new offer from The Universe newspaper gives **FREE** digital access to the paper between now and the end of the year. To be able to download to your laptop, smartphone, or tablet, go to thecatholicuniverse.com/subscription-trial to register.

Copies of 'Walk with Me' (prayers and meditations) and 'My Day by Day' (scripture passages) will be available at church on this weekend, price £1 each, but if you buy one you can have the other one free. If you can't get to church, they are available at No. 18.

During the recent lockdown you generously handed in £836! Many thanks.

Arrangements for Christmas services will be announced ASAP. Watch this space!

Fr Tony Elder