

# *Parish of St Winefride, Lymm*

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## **Newsletter 12 June 2021**

**Hello again. How nice to be able to go out without a coat, to see people in their summer finery, and to get the grass cut, with all this sunshine. I hope you are all able to enjoy it, even the ones who have been ill at some time recently. Sympathy if you are one of the five and a half million people waiting for treatment in hospital. We have been given more guidelines about using church facilities. I even found out what ‘Social Distancing 1m+ mitigation’ means – if you can’t keep to 2m then 1m will do if you keep to the conditions – suitable face covering, cleaning the area regularly, ventilation, and no physical contact. We would have to measure the distances in church again. It wouldn’t make much difference in our building, and anyway there is not a demand for more places at present. This coming weekend we have less applications for seats than at any time since we went back to three Masses. You can still come on Sunday if you want – wear a mask and give your name to a steward.**

We’re back to Sundays in Ordinary Time – the Eleventh this weekend. Ezekiel gives an image of God caring for a forest, one magnificent cedar towering above the rest, but God providing special care for the weakest and the smallest. Paul, writing to the people of Corinth, admits that we have to rely on faith to see God as yet, but Paul is so confident. The gospel passage, the last two of a group of parables, calls us to be patient like a farmer or a good gardener, waiting for harvest time. I did offer Mass on Friday which was the annual feast of the Sacred Heart – it reminds us every year, with magnificent scripture readings, of Jesus’ love for each one of us, even to the point of giving his life for us.

Mass on Sunday morning will be offered for Norman and Tina Eckley in thanksgiving for forty years of marriage. The only other intentions requested at present are for the repose of the soul of Marie White.

***LDCT*** *As part of Lymm Festival there is to be a Songs of Praise event at Lymm Baptist Church on Sunday June 27 at 6.30pm, which we hope will be with a live congregation. All are invited to suggest hymns, before the **June 13 deadline**, via the new Churches together website. Search: <https://ctld-lymm.uk/songs-of-praise-2021/>. It would be good if you could also be willing to introduce ‘your’ hymn on the night, saying why you suggested it.*

A fortnight ago we heard of plans to legalise assisted suicide. There is another attempt on human life, the so-called DIY Home Abortion. The MP Carla Lockhart has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end dangerous DIY home abortion services as soon as possible. ‘Right to Life UK’ has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an e-mail to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

If you like soccer, enjoy the Euro2020 festival. We anticipate with some apprehension the deadline for moving to Stage 4 of restrictions about Covid. God bless you all.  
**Fr Tony Elder.**