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Hello everyone. You may be reading this online, via our website. Please let me know via e-mail if you wish the online newsletter to continue. Or this may be the printed version you picked up at church. You will have experienced the cleaned church with 141 chairs replaced. So first of all I thank the army of helpers who turned up on Monday evening to prepare the church for the funeral on Tuesday, and the team of cleaners who worked so hard in the afternoon. It is the first stage of our return to 'normality'.

There is now no need in future to phone in on Wednesdays to book a place at Mass. You just turn up, but when you arrive, sanitize your hands, and leave your name for track and trace. It is still desirable that face masks are worn. There is emphasis on proper ventilation, so we'll have to have the windows open. Please avoid chatting in church before Mass. There is still to be no singing, no physical sign of peace, and no Communion from the chalice. We'll have Bidding Prayers and a Creed, and the prayer books can come out again. So enjoy the 'freedom' but behave with caution, for your own protection and that of the other people at Mass. Readers are asked to resume their duties if at all possible.

You may have heard that United Utilities have arranged to clear a sewer on Booths Hill Road close to Travis Perkins. The road will be closed on Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August. Suggested diversions to our church car park from the eastern direction include journeys to High Legh and Thelwall via the A50 (!), but 'locals who know the highways allow ten more minutes than usual to get to Mass on time.

As fate would have it, the Churches Together are planning a Picnic in the Park (Richmond Grundy, behind our church) on Sunday 1st August at 3.00pm: a day of fun for all the family (dogs included) and music too. You bring your own refreshments. There is more detail on the CTLD website, https://ctld-lymm.uk.

Recommended Key Points mitigating against Virus Transmission in Churches: This appendix to the new guidelines is published on our noticeboard in the entrance to the church so all can see where the priorities lie. Rather than stay away, if you are anxious about being exposed to Covid by attending Mass, please voice your concerns as there are suggested alternatives. The safety of all remains our priority.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage was due this week but had to be cancelled. Some virtual events have been organised. See https://shrewsburylourdes.com for details. Apologies for not notifying them all on time.

I have offered Mass for the repose of the souls of Joan Austin, and Joseph Kerford, and for Susan del Mastro who is unwell. A happy holiday to those able to get away, and God bless you all. Fr Tony Elder.