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It has been a sad week, having to let people know about the death last weekend of my neighbour, Sister Catherine Joy. She worked right to the end, prayerfully and with her usual kindness and optimism. Our thoughts go out to her brother and the rest of her family, and to the whole Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition, and all at Lady of the Vale NH where she died. The funeral is yet to be arranged, and will probably be in Altrincham, but not for another week. We shall miss her.

This coming week there will be no services Monday to Friday. Please give a welcome to Fr John Joyce, who will be celebrating Mass for us this weekend. He used to be parish priest in Knutsford till his retirement, and now lives in Appleton.

We will introduce **RE lessons on Thursdays** gradually. The first important task is to identify any children in years 3 or 4 (a double intake) who want to make their first Holy Communion, and they will take priority. **Please would parents of these young people find an enrolment form at the back of church, fill it in, and hand it to Fr Elder** before half term at the latest. When we know the numbers we can arrange for suitable instruction to be given.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies: Notice is given by the Diocesan Mission Secretary that a course begins this month with person-to-person classes on Thursday mornings at St Columba's, Plas Newton, Chester. There is also an online option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith, or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance – information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Anyone can better understand the bible from start to finish – Old and New Testaments – with this free of charge world famous course delivered online by Mauro Iannicelli. It starts on Wednesday 29 September 2021. There are eight Wednesday sessions (7 – 8.40pm). For information and registration: www.comeandsee.org Three parishioners saw the course previously and enthusiastically recommend it.

There will be no on-line version of the Newsletter next weekend. The weather this week was forecast to be raining all the time, but turned out beautiful.

Long may it continue.
Elder

Fr Tony