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As I write this on Friday, three big events are being ‘hyped up’ by the media: the dreaded storm Eunice, the big fight on Saturday in Manchester, and the threatened invasion of the Ukraine. The person who worries suffers twice. There always seems to be something dire to worry about, according to the press and the television. We pray that God will continue to keep us from all distress, and give us peace and calm.

*The **World Day of Prayer** this year is on Friday 4 March in the Methodist church on Eagle Brow at 7.30pm, to which all are welcome.*

*Also, this Wednesday evening there is **the AGM** of the Lymm and District Churches together, in the United Reformed Church on Brookfield Road. It begins with refreshments at 6.45-7.15pm, followed by an act of worship from 7.15- 7.45, and the AGM from 7.45-8.30pm. All are again welcome to attend.*

There will be Exposition at 7pm on Tuesday, followed by Mass at 7.30pm; Mass on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday is at 9.15am. The weekend services are as usual at 5.45pm (Sat), and 9.00am and 10.30am Sun). Mass intentions will be: For Margaret Morton’s Intentions, John Martin, the Parishioners, Margaret Coffey, Stan Beardwood, Ints Annette Wright, Marie White, Cahal McAllister, and James Slater.

Tomorrow, Saturday 19 February at 10am, there is the group meeting in St John Henry Newman church building to which we are all invited as a Deanery. There will be an attempt to frame a response to the Pope’s invitation to form a Synodal Church. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday 1 March. Please have a look at the website synodtalksouthwarrington.org

I repeat the invitation to **young people aged 16 - 22** to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of July. Please take a leaflet. Financial help is available.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury has committed itself thoroughly to **safeguarding**. The time has come round again for checking the background of all our parishioners who have volunteered to act in any capacity which brings them into contact with children or vulnerable adults. This requires all such people to fill in a tiresome number of forms. Your co-operation and patience are necessary, so when you are asked, please comply as quickly as possible. Mrs Rowena Ford is our Safeguarding Liaison Officer and we thank her for undertaking this essential role. Everyone must feel safe in our church and parish.

In the **Gospel reading at Mass** this weekend, Luke continues giving Jesus’ Sermon on the Plain, containing his basic guidelines for the Christian attitudes to other people: basically it is ‘Do as you would be done by’. David’s careful non-violent dealing with the vulnerable King Saul (‘I could have killed you but I didn’t’) works – the king’s attitude

to David changed and there was peace between them for a while.

Fr

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