

Parish of St Winefride, Lymm

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 12 March 5.45pm Fr Felix McAllister RIP

Sun 13 March 9.00am Mike & Marje Caine 10.30am Parishioners

Mon 14 No Mass

Tues 15 March 7.30pm SI (Slattery)

Wed 16 March 9.15am

Thur 17 March 9.15am Jasmine Turner RIP (Feast of St Patrick)

Fri 18 March No Mass 10.15am **FUNERAL SERVICE** Wendy Connelly

Sat 19 March 5.45pm Wendy Connelly RIP

Sun 20 March 9.00am David Jones RIP (Anniversary) 10.30am Parishioners

Before Mass, on **Tuesday from 7.00pm** we have private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. On **Saturday morning** from 10.00am to 10.30am there is the same, during which there is the opportunity for **Confession**.

Seven children made their First Confession on Thursday evening last week. Please pray for them as they continue with their lessons in preparation for First Holy Communion.

At Mass today as you go out of church there is the basket to donate to CAFOD who help the most needy people in the world. There are so many charitable causes asking for your almsdeeds – CAFOD seems to cover most. Please be generous.

In the **scripture readings at Mass** this weekend we again have the story in the gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor in the presence of his closest disciples. He had just told them of the need for his disciples to walk the way of the Cross. The disciples are encouraged when they hear the voice of the Father affirming Jesus. They will need this memory when a darker time will come. We are also reminded of the covenant (in Genesis) that God made with Abram. St Paul tells the people of Philippi that our homeland is in heaven. We persevere in life as we persevere in Lent, hoping and aiming for Easter and our eternal sharing in Jesus' Resurrection in glory.

*Last weekend it was good to see such a huge number of you 'testing out the water' and coming to church after the long period of shielding during Covid. Please continue to stay safe if you feel that it is necessary for you. At weekday Mass the attendance is by just a tiny number who feel a bit lonely. It might be an idea for those avoiding contact with any crowds to experiment, by coming to Mass during the week, and observing social distancing in the church where there is lots of room. I also want to express my appreciation for the continuing faithfulness of the whole parish in keeping up with donations even when it has been so inhibiting to come to church each week. I only notice **total** figures in collections. You can be sure God who notices everything will never be outdone in generosity.*

There will be minor celebrations for St Patrick's Day on Thursday at the **Coffee Morning** after Mass, though we don't promise a full blown faish, celidh, or even a hooley!

Fr Tony Elder