

# Parish of St Winefride, Lymm

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## Newsletter 2 April 2021

**Hello everybody. This is dated Good Friday, so called because it is the day our Saviour was crucified. It was actually this day – the first Friday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, the day before the Jewish Passover Sabbath. We celebrate the fact that this year we can have some services in church, whereas last year there was total lockdown. All our services have been fully booked – we can only have 30 people because of social distancing regulations. Welcome to those who are braving the health hazards for the first time. Please God there won't be any infection threat at all one day. And we wish all our parishioners and readers a joyful and hopeful Easter.**

The birds and the blossoms remind us that it's spring again. We intend to sell bedding plants again this year as part of our ongoing support for CAFOD. The order forms are available at church. For those needing an e-mail copy contact Angela: [acjcgolf@gmail.com](mailto:acjcgolf@gmail.com) Orders will be required for April 11<sup>th</sup>. All details are on the form. Plants will be available to collect on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

In church there has been a pile of unused **planned giving envelopes in their boxes**, a reminder of all those who were unable to come to Mass during the past year. They have been replaced by **new ones for the year ahead, and can be collected after Mass**. Please be careful only to touch the one assigned to you

**GIFT AID:** It is also the time of year when we claim for tax paid by you on the donations you have made. If your circumstances have changed, or you feel you don't wish to remain in the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Peter Thomason (753732 or mobile 07720 460894)

by 5 April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the past year.

*There is to be a weekly online course, from the Westminster Archdiocese, free of charge, about Bible History. It begins on April 7. In eight Wednesday evening sessions, starting at 7.00pm, Mauro Janicelli will deliver LIVE a helpful description of the twelve stages of Bible History. This is strongly recommended. Info and registration [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)*

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Clayton of Statham Drive, who died peacefully last weekend. His funeral is on Wednesday and David Jones' will be on Thursday. Also Canon Brendan Hoban, a retired priest of the diocese. May they rest in peace.**

I have offered Mass for Elizabeth Moss and Margaret Coffey, and for the intentions of Harold and Marie White.

Again may I express everyone's appreciation for the work done by those who have acted as stewards at Mass, and kept the show on the road during the epidemic. Without them we could not hold public services. Other volunteers (under seventy) would be most welcome. Thanks also to the parishioners who set up the little Good Friday shrine for us as part of the LDCT family Easter quiz. Special greetings to all who are still shielding. Our minds and hearts are filled with renewed faith in life after death, (and fresh hope for

our life before death!), because of what happened that first Easter Day.

**Tony Elder**

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