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Hello everybody. According to tabloid headlines, we are all deliriously happy now we can sit outside in the freezing cold and talk to one another. There were so few new cases of Covid in the UK this week that they lost pride of place to David Cameron, so things are getting back to normal. Hopefully we will continue to see an improvement all round. I was able to baptise a baby last Sunday, though there were only the parents and godparents, but it was great to have an Easter baptism nevertheless.

This Sunday I am invited to represent us at the civic memorial service in honour of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in St Mary's CofE church at 6pm. The Saturday evening Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul.

We will try to deliver some of the **planned giving envelopes** to those still shielding. Help will be appreciated. Please don't think this is an impertinence. So many of you have gone to great lengths to pay in your offerings without the envelopes, so hopefully you will see this as a service to you.

I have offered Mass for the intentions of Angela Clayton and a special intention (Malone), and for the repose of the soul of Mike Clayton.

St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Appleton, seeks to appoint a new Deputy Head. Details by e-mailing the school office: stmonicas_primary@warrington.gov.uk

The Universe and Catholic Times have a special offer. You can order a trial three-months' supply of the Universe for £25, delivered by post. Go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or phone 0161 820 5722.

The principal of the Diocesan Welfare organisation Caritas writes to thank you for the generous gift of £344 which you gave at Christmas. Thanks also to those who contributed to the collection in support of the Catholics in Palestine and the upkeep of the Holy Places. That totalled £148. Also I repeat my own appreciation of the many parishioners who keep on sending financial contributions even though they can't come to church yet.

The Liturgy for the Third Sunday of Easter continues the readings from the coaxing letters of John, and the inspiring resurrection stories from the gospels. This week Luke gives us the challenging words of Jesus: 'You are witnesses to this!' It is always the responsibility of any Christian to bear witness. We recall that the Greek word for a witness is 'martyros'. The Acts of the Apostles describes Peter bravely telling his Jewish letters the story of Jesus as it is.

I am trying to imagine what it will be like when the children start coming back to church, and whether there will be anyone to give them lessons on a Thursday. Parents of those due to receive first sacraments last year would help by bringing them to Mass, now that

they are back at school. They can't learn about Mass without experiencing it. I know you will do your best. Wishing you all the joys of the Easter season.

For a place at Mass, phone 752224 on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you all. **Fr Tony Elder**