

# *Parish of St Winefride, Lymm*

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## **Newsletter 28 May 2021**

**Good day to you all. This weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a day when the liturgy gives us the opportunity to reflect on the three-fold persons revealed as our God, and to recall our invitation to share the life of the Blessed Trinity, with the Three Persons dwelling in us. St Augustine famously wrote in his ‘Confessions’:**

**“Late have I loved you, O beauty so ancient and new: late have I loved you. For behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside, and in my ugliness fell upon those lovely things that you have made. You were with me and I was not with you”. He admitted he could not really fathom the Trinity. He said it was too large a concept to fit in a human brain. It is even harder to think of God’s indwelling when we are being tempted with ‘those lovely things that you have made’. Thank you, God.**

My wise parishioner again came up with an answer to last week’s query about the meaning of ‘Social distancing of 2m or 1m+’. It is from the guidelines for Church of England worship – which the RC version does not mention. All will no doubt be revealed in the fullness of time. By mid-June it may all be a lot simpler. Please continue to book a place at weekend Mass by phoning 752224 on a Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 8pm and PLEASE don’t leave a Callminder message. Everyone can now feel safe and welcome to attend Mass, still wearing a mask of course. We do need stewards to wipe down the seats. Volunteers will be most welcome. Without them the holding of services is illegal.

**LDCT** As part of Lymm Festival there is to be a Songs of Praise event at Lymm Baptist Church on Sunday June 27 at 6.30pm, which we hope will be with a live congregation. All are invited to suggest hymns, before the June 13 deadline, via the new Churches together website. Search: <https://ctld-lymm.uk/songs-of-praise-2021/>. It would be good if you could also be willing to introduce ‘your’ hymn on the night, saying why you suggested it.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITY** The shrine has been shut down for pilgrimages for over a year now. Shrewsbury Diocesan Hospitality Members are holding a Zoom meeting on the morning of Saturday June 5 at 10.30am. You can have access details from your parish by e-mailing [lymm\\_rc@btinternet.com](mailto:lymm_rc@btinternet.com) (for security and privacy reasons). Contact [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or 07451 249267.

**Baptisms** As announced last week, it is now permitted to do baptisms with as many as 30 people present. To arrange for your child to be baptised, please come to Mass and pick up a Baptism Application form, to plan for a date suitable to you.

*In about four weeks’ time, we should be able to open up our church building for more activities. Will there be anyone to take up where we left off 15 months ago? Altar servers, tea makers, catechists, etc. may well have vanished into a Covid-induced mist. Please*

*start talking about 'back to normal' and then we will be better prepared – and pray that the infection rates do not rise again. Best wishes to everyone. Fr Tony Elder*