

# *Parish of St Winefride, Lymm*

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## **Newsletter 2 July 2021**

**Hello again. One Day International cricket matches, Wimbledon tennis, Euro football – there's hardly any time to watch Pointless or Countdown. We're so busy these days. And last weekend, for the first time since lockdown, we had 90 people who came to Mass here at St Winefride's. Some other good news – we had a quiet celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the children whose photos have been up at the back of church since January 2020. They and their families have had to wait such a long time. Thankfully they will be able to receive first Communion soon also.**

**For the last eleven months, many of you have been patiently booking in for Mass by phoning 752224 on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 8pm. I've enjoyed the brief exchanges, and you've kept me in touch with how you're feeling and telling me your hopes and fears. I'm having a Wednesday off on 7<sup>th</sup> July, so you will hear a different voice when you phone. I'm very grateful to the people who agreed to take on this (pleasant) task. Please God we'll all soon be able to have real holidays.**

This weekend, the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gets a poor response to his message in his home town of Nazareth. Ezekiel the prophet also complains about the obstinacy of his fellow countrymen and women, rebels against their God. Would this be the same in Lymm, with so many people here who no longer believe in Jesus? It says he was amazed at their lack of faith. Paul, full of faith, reasons that his constant failures show him his weakness, and stop him from getting proud. A consoling message perhaps for us?

*The Churches Together are planning a Picnic in the Park (Richmond Grundy, behind our church) on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 3.00pm: a day of fun for all the family (dogs included) and music too. You bring your own refreshments. There is more detail on the CTLD website, <https://ctld-lymm.uk>. If any of you are able to help with the organising of games etc, please contact the secretary right away – [secretary@ctld-lymm.uk](mailto:secretary@ctld-lymm.uk) See if your friends are going to be there.*

I was able to post off a cheque to CAFOD this week for £304.60, the profit from the plant sale held with the co-operation of E. Smith & Son during May. Thanks to all who subscribed, and congratulations to the organisers and their willing helpers.

I continue to offer Mass, on my own during the week.. Intentions have been mainly for Marie White, but also for the late Margaret Coffey, Stan Dobson,

Beryl Spivey, for Peter Whitelegg who is ill, and the weekly Mass for all the parishioners. That completes the list of intentions at the moment.

**Fr Tony Elder.**