

# Parish of St Winefride, Lymm

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**I think this might have been a time to give some bad news, which would be buried among all the soccer euphoria. Actually there isn't any news. The Bishop's latest message to the clergy is a model of wisdom and prudence. He draws attention to the intention of the Government to prefer to leave people to use their own judgement and responsibility when dealing with the danger of Covid infection. He realises some people see this as a welcome and long awaited liberation from the restrictions we have been living with, while others only view it as a renewed and increased source of personal danger and anxiety. As usual here in Lymm we will proceed with the utmost caution. Locally the children are facing increased disruption because they are being asked to self-isolate at the slightest whiff of contact with Covid. On the other hand, so many adults are ignoring social distancing to socialise. Both these factors mean that there is a reduced willingness to risk going to church. We understand.**

So, for those who can't come to Mass this weekend, the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, we hear of Jesus sending out his Apostles in pairs *to preach repentance*. The messengers must not be preoccupied or encumbered, and if people don't listen, so much the worse for them.

Amos was an ancient prophet keen to establish his God-given credentials, and his preaching concentrated on castigation of the people for their materialism and injustice.

Paul spells out the content of the message – good news, of God choosing those invited to be his own, of freedom and salvation for those willing to believe.

*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.*

**There has been a reluctance of people to volunteer, for distributing Holy Communion, to read at Mass, and above all to act as stewards, welcoming and protecting those who come to Mass, and sanitising the seats after a service. This means just the same few have to appear each week. This can't be right. When they can't be here, our services become illegal. Please think about this, and offer your services if at all you can.**

Mass Intentions have been for the repose of the souls of Marie White and Margaret Coffey, for Doris Turner and Rose Livesey on their birthdays, and for P. Slattery's intentions.

Fr Tony Elder

### CONGREGATION PARTS OF THE MASS

**Entrance: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

**Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, O Lord, are spirit, and they are life. You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia**

**Communion: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young, by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**