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Hello and welcome to a sunnier world this weekend. The bookings for Mass have been very few, and it looks as though a lot of people are otherwise engaged. So be it. A huge list of instructions came through my e-mails this morning describing a world without legal restrictions on our church. Just when we'd got used to living with lockdown, we have to find ways of adjusting to 'normal'. Altar servers, collections, daily Mass, Exposition, confessions, communion at home for sick people, no stewards, no limit on numbers – it is hard to take all at the same time. Nothing will change for the moment, but we have to plan for the return of all the other things mentioned. All in time for the holiday season! Are you ready for all this? Do you want Confessions, Morning Mass, standing and kneeling, singing with masks on; the seats will all have to be put back in place...Not to mention RE classes and coffee mornings. There's so much to think about. It presents a much greater challenge than lockdown did. I pray that you will rally round as well as you did to help with lockdown a year last March. Please phone in again on Wednesday to register for a place at Mass next weekend.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Austin, of Parkwood Close, who died peacefully on Tuesday after a long illness. Her funeral is a week on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

We offer congratulations to Evie Dex, Sophie Hesford, and Holly Worsley, who received Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time last Saturday. May it be an occasion of great blessings and graces for them and their families.

The liturgy for the weekend (16th in ordinary Time) is a lot about sheep. Jesus sees the crowds and feels sorry for them, because they are like sheep without a shepherd. Jeremiah speaks the message of the Lord about the poor performance of those who have been entrusted with the task of shepherding His people, and says He is going to take charge Himself, and bring back the lost sheep. St Paul rejoices that Jews and Gentiles are no longer clearly divided, after Jesus has died on the Cross for everyone

The Churches Together are planning a Picnic in the Park (Richmond Grundy, behind our church) on Sunday 1st 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 See if your friends are going to be there.

I have offered Mass for the repose of the souls of Sally Scott and Peter Whitelegg.

Fr Tony Elder