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My brain finds computer language hard to retain, possibly because that learning section of my brain is full of Greek and Latin. I do know the Greek alphabet. Alpha, beta, gamma, delta...mu, nu, xi, OMIKRON, pi and so on. Working through this sequence naming variants of our friend the corona virus, after delta, they didn't like the sound of the letters until they got to O. We've had a week of scaremongering about it. Doesn't it get hard to care? It has been a bit like that hearing warnings about the Last Things. This weekend our liturgical readings use a different model for getting ready – they use the picture of the triumphal homecoming of exiled Jews. Make sure the roads are clear and in good condition!

I have offered Mass in thanksgiving (AB), for John Coucil, for the Holy Souls, for the intentions of the Roberts family, and for the repose of the soul of Margaret Coffey.

I will make myself available for **Confessions** on Saturday morning (Dec. 13) from 10.00 to 10.30am. That is THE best preparation for the coming of Jesus, which happens every time we receive Holy Communion. (If there is a more convenient time for Confessions, please let me know.) In the week ahead there will be Exposition on **Tuesday** at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm, and Mass on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** at 9.15am as usual. There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Thursday. Tuesday is St Ambrose's day, and Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Thanks also for the contributions of gifts for St Joseph's Family Centre in Warrington to more needy families locally. This year there will again be vouchers, and you can donate to this on <https://cafdonate.org/18286>. But there will also be gift parcels, and we would welcome more donations of non-essential items such as selection boxes, chocolates, biscuits, and luxury toilet gift sets. A container is in the church porch for your gifts.

Here is some advance notice for some events in December:

December 3 – 5: St Mary's C of E are holding their Christmas Tree Festival.

Monday 6th at 7.30pm: The annual candlelight memorial service for children who have died, in Warrington Parish Church (St Elphin's).

December 16, 2.45-5.15pm (See poster): an interesting opportunity for older people to catch up on technology. Call in for a cuppa in the Hub (next to the library) and see what is on offer. There will be a course starting in the New Year.

December 12 at 3pm: Bishop Mark celebrates Mass in Knutsford St Vincent's WA16 6HR to rejoice at 70 years of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

SYNOD There is plenty of information about your opportunity to comment on the Pope's Synod. It is to be found on the Shrewsbury Diocesan Website, search:

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/news/latest-news/synod/>

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