

**St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe**

22 March 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year A

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**Please note that, from Sunday 5 April 2020, the new contact email address for *parish business* will be
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St Anne's is traditionally known as one place where the celebration of Mass was conducted uninterrupted right throughout the reign of Henry V111. The names of those who contributed to this are boldly displayed in the porch at St Anne's.

If Henry VIII could not obliterate our Mass, the coronavirus will not do that either.

During these difficult times, when the coronavirus has led to the inevitable suspension of Mass celebrated in public, Mass will continue to be celebrated each day at 9.00am. If you are on email, you will notice that a group of parishioners is singled out each day for special remembrance in this daily Mass. You will receive an email the evening before so that you may be able to join with me in this celebration in the morning. I should like that very much.

Especially on Sunday, when I will celebrate Mass at 9.30am (give you time for some normality!), you might like to join with me. The gospel is quite relevant at present. It is about a culture that wants to blame human misfortune on God's desire to punish (we have not heard that yet in this crisis, but we did in Tsunami, earthquakes etc). I offer a reflection on the homily part of the website this week.

I have been blessed by the numbers of you who phone/text/whats app to check how I am – humbling and gratifying. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I had an strange experience one morning last week – for a very short while, I should add – of sheer fear and dread of being confined. And here am I with my own private park while many are truly confined in high rise apartments with family all round. My experience prompts me to pray all the more earnestly, for God's deliverance from this dreadful disease. Members of Religious Orders throughout the world will be praying with Pope Francis tomorrow, Sunday 22 March at 12.30 pm, for deliverance from this curse. You may wish to join with MSCs this worldwide prayer.

Please remember that what we must not fear at this time is the range of emotions that can be prompted by experiences such as this pandemic, emotions that may not be at all familiar to us. We honour these as God given and, with some quite space, God will reveal to us much about ourselves and about our God.

Here is a link to a Mass streamed live from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Bulkington this Sunday at 9.30am. Perhaps following it together, we can be with each other in spirit and in prayer.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/warwickshire>

Additionally, there is a list of other churches that are streaming Mass live available on the diocesan website.

Sunday 22 March	8.30am	Princethorpe	Mass suspended
	10.15am	Princethorpe	Mass suspended
Each day	9.00am	Wappenbury	Private Mass celebrated at Wappenbury by Fr Teddy

Dates for your diary			
Tuesday 31 March	7.00pm	St Peter's, Leamington Spa	Warwick Deanery Visitation - Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 11 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Finance Committee meeting
Thursday 9 April	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Maundy Thursday Mass
Friday 10 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe	Good Friday Service
Saturday 11 April	8.00pm	Wappenbury	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 April	8.30am	Wappenbury	Easter Sunday Mass
	10.15am	Princethorpe	Easter Sunday Mass
Saturday 27 June	6.00pm	Wappenbury	Mass and Annual Parish Bar B Q

Glow around the World for Myton Hospice at Princethorpe College - Saturday 28 March 2020

Note: This event is suspended until further notice.

Myton Hospice are holding a major fundraising event at Princethorpe College on Saturday 28 March 2020 from 6.30pm until midnight. The college grounds will be transformed with around the world cultural experiences for participants to enjoy as they take on a 5km sponsored walk. There will be music, food and entertainment during the evening, but there will **not** be any fireworks. As there is limited parking available on site, and to reduce our carbon footprint, we have opted to put on shuttle buses for participants from Leamington, Coventry and Rugby which will also reduce the amount of traffic the event will cause. There will be parking for blue badge holders and it will be possible to be dropped off and collected later. We wanted to take this opportunity to apologise in advance should this event cause any inconvenience to you.

The Myton Hospices are hoping to raise an amazing £60,000 from this event and are extremely grateful to be working alongside Princethorpe College who are supporting us in our mission to raise £9.2million this year to continue our services free of charge to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire.

More event information is available on our website www.mytonhospice.org/glow We would love you to get involved, should you wish to join us for the evening, you can purchase tickets online at: www.mytonhospice.org/glow.

Sensible Precautions and No Panic

This is to repeat what has been advised so often:

Wash hands thoroughly and regularly.

Avoid close contact and avoid shaking hands – you can be ‘Thai like’.

Think thoughts of peace instead of wishing peace through handshake at any time anywhere.

Receive Jesus in spirit – I have no doubt that Jesus understands!

Use tissues – do not leave used tissues lying about: bin them or burn them!

Coronavirus Pandemic – A Reflection and a Practice

The pandemic presents all with food for reflection. It is not God's way to use tragedy to teach or to rebuke us. However, tragedy, as a pandemic, compels us to inquire about our value system. Just what is important to us? And where does God, and our finiteness, fit into a world in which we ourselves wish, and indeed, try to be omnipotent, only to encounter now our real fragility – and, at the same time, an invitation to discover more about our God.

Betty Lucas's Burial

Betty Lucas will be buried with Roy at Princethorpe Cemetery this coming Wednesday. This is a private family ceremony and will be followed later in the year by a Requiem Mass.

The cemetery is closed to the public and parishioners from 10.30 am until 12.00pm on Wednesday 25 March.

Please remember in your prayers this week especially

Betty Lucas who died very peacefully at Ruth's home in Leamington Spa on Thursday evening last week. Hold Betty and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Oliver who is awaiting tests. Oliver is very anxious about these tests.

Parishioners with underlying medical problems of varying kinds and for whom this present viral situation induces increased anxiety.

Wolfgaang, Chrissie's father, who is very seriously ill in Germany.

Fr Robert (Bob) Wright, Parish Priest of St John Fisher in Coventry, who died recently. Bob's funeral was held at St John Fisher Church, Coventry, CV2 3DL last Friday, 20 March.

Tom who is undergoing tests for prostate cancer

John whose family has asked for prayers.

Fr Sean MHM (92) who suffered a fall last week and is convalescing in a rest home in Dublin.

People suffering anxiety because of the ongoing consequences of flooding.

Bill and his wife thank you for prayers. Test results are proving very positive.

Mildred (87) (Ryton on Dunsmore) who died recently.

Kay RIP, aunt to Yvonne.

Domonkos Kordas (14) who has lost sight in one eye. Pray for him and family and friends.

Michael Duigan RIP

Peter Morgan RIP, father of Helen Morgan, a member of staff at Princethorpe College.

Antonio (80) RIP who died recently.

Steve, who continues to receive treatment.

Peter Lamb, recovering from a stroke

Elizabeth and Neville Compton, sister and brother-in-law of Margaret Simmons.

Lawrence who has completed the three years of maintenance chemotherapy. The family gives thanks for your love and prayers.

John (75) diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Liz Griffin's parents as they settle in to their new home.

Elizabeth who has been diagnosed with a long term illness and is improving. She has had some good news recently.

Paul, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore, seriously ill in University Hospital, Coventry.

Marc, who is seriously ill.

Maria, sister of Janet, who is improving.

Keren and her husband. Keren is a member of Princethorpe College staff.

Karen, waiting results of an exploratory investigation.

Linda, Stretton on Dunsmore, who is recovering at home. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Adrian, a friend of Loretta, who is continuing to receive treatment. Adrian has had a setback recently.

Patricia who has recently been diagnosed with health difficulties.

Carolyn whose daughter is experiencing on-going mental health difficulties.

Roisin and Niamh, as they cope with difficult health problems. Their health problems are on-going.

Andy, who suffered a serious injury recently. Pray for his wife and parents.

Anastasia, (elderly) who being cared for by her family.

Claire, who is going through a tough time right now.

Linda, who is recovering from the effects of her treatment for cancer.

Michael, who is awaiting further tests..

Louise, suffering from various cancers.

Zavier, a young child who is ill.

Lucy (29), who is suffering from bacterial meningitis and is unable to digest food.

Jade (28), who is receiving chemotherapy.

Liam (44), who is undergoing chemotherapy for bowel cancer.

Eileen, friend of Mary Hewitt who is suffering from cancer.

Harry (23), who has undergone serious heart surgery and is returning to work.

Sue, who is enduring further chemotherapy for her cancer.

Seamus, who suffers from prostate cancer. Hold Seamus' family and friends in your prayers.

Michele, who has some serious health issues.

Kathy, who is recuperating after her successful operation.

Lola (29), who has been ill for most of her life and is again very ill.

Rose, who has severe mental health problems.

Frank

Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

Betty Kaminski RIP

Thomas Duffy RIP

Pauline RIP.

Chris Smart (77) RIP

Con McCorrison (88) RIP

Darren RIP

Joan (91) RIP

Myrtle Forster (64) RIP

Joan and Sister RIP

Bob RIP

Maria Ramsay (76) RIP

Mont RIP

John RIP