

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

**19 April 2020**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Year A**

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During these past three weeks of 'lockdown', many have discovered new ways of 'going to Mass'. Some have found it enlightening to experience Mass in a variety of settings, from the Vatican with Pope Francis, St Chad's Cathedral with Archbishop Bernard and many other churches, local, national and international. Many of these, especially Pope Francis alone in the rain in St Peter's Square, provide iconic moments for us.

Personally, celebrating Mass each day without anyone present for the past four weeks has felt quite strange for me. Especially Sundays have been strange. Perhaps the better word is 'empty'. Something precious has been absent. Having your names in mind is a great help, yet that does not fill the void created by your absence.

You have frequently shared with me that it is the community aspect of our Sunday celebrations that provides the greatest support for you. This is not in any way to diminish the 'Real Presence' of Jesus in the Eucharist. Rather it is, perhaps, to afford us a renewed understanding of 'real presence', our physical presence to each other, while honouring the reality and limitations of our 'spiritual communion' at streamed Masses

Like many of you, I have spent the last four+ weeks without touching another human being. I have not ventured forth from Wappenbury since 17 March and, were I not to watch the news, I could imagine that I am on an extended 'holiday'.

Instead of 'holiday', I do honour this time as a sort of 'sabbatical at home', time to organise life along the lines of monastic lifestyle - time set aside for mind, body and spirit in an ordered and uninterrupted manner. However, I need the regular news updates to keep me grounded in the real pain that so many people are experiencing at present - grieving without the opportunity to be present physically with a dying relative; burying someone without the customary farewell rituals and wakes; confined in very limited accommodation with children with little opportunity to dispel their huge energy; sharing accommodation with someone who has the virus; sustained anxiety about a future with so little guarantee of stable employment; and, for those on the 'front line' in our hospitals and care homes, the ongoing fear accompanying the consequences of attending to, and caring for, the aged, the infirm and those with Covid 19.

Through all of this, we await the day when we may again enjoy the healing power of human touch. St Anne's Parish is a community of people who relish touch, a community that values the 'real presence' of each to the others, a community that understands so well that the risen Lord Jesus Christ, in His 'Real Presence', cannot never again be isolated in the tin boxes which constitute our tabernacles in all our churches.

Our isolation from our physical churches invites us to a new and fresh understanding of 'church'. Our being quarantined from each other invites us to a new way of both 'being' and 'being with'. Isolated within our own homes - being 'at home' in a new way - invites periods of solitude, that facility to be comfortable with self, as well as heightening the desire to 'be with' another.

And with another three weeks apart from each other - and probably much more if we are to be realistic - it is right that we look for ways to 'be community' while apart. With this in mind, I will live stream Mass from St Anne's this Sunday 19 April at 9.30am and on subsequent Sundays - see below for details (If it does not match the technological prowess of other places, please bear with me).

In addition, you can join with me for live stream Mass daily at 9.00am in the intimacy of our prayer room at St Anne's.

And I invite those who are familiar with ZOOM to join me in an evening prayer at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 April and Friday 24 April (details below). I will send you a copy of this evening prayer over the weekend to use together or alone.

**You can now follow Mass streamed live from St Anne's Wappenbury.**

To do this, you will need a **Facebook** account. On your Android or Iphone:

1. Open your Facebook app and tap **Sign Up for Facebook**.
2. Tap **Get Started**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions and enter your first and last name, date of birth and gender.
4. Enter your mobile phone number, or tap **Use your email address**.
5. Create a password you'll remember.
6. Tap **Sign Up**.
7. To finish creating your account, you need to [confirm your email or mobile phone number](#).

On your laptop/computer

1. Go to [www.facebook.com/r.php](http://www.facebook.com/r.php)
2. Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender.
3. Click **Sign Up**.
4. To finish creating your account, you need to [confirm your email or mobile phone number](#).

If you already have a Facebook account, in a new tab key in the following [fb.me/stanneswappenbury](https://fb.me/stanneswappenbury) – on the left hand side go to videos and 'live'

As the church has quite an echo you may find my voice a little hard to hear – I will try to speak slowly and clearly. This is our first attempt so please bear with us this week. Comments on how you received it will be welcome.

<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury	Laurie Spears RIP ann (Loretta's mother) Streamed live from St Anne's
<b>Monday 20 April – Saturday 25 April</b>	9.00am	Wappenbury	Streamed live from St Anne's (If you would like someone especially prayed for on a particular day, please let Fr Teddy know).

**Parish Community Evening Prayer**

You can now join with me and other parishioners for a short evening prayer on Wednesday evening 22 April and Friday evening 24 April at 7.00pm. This prayer will last about twenty minutes. A copy of this evening prayer will be sent out over the weekend. .

To join in this prayer, you will need to be using **ZOOM**. The password for this meeting is **OxRtMx**.

**Masses streamed throughout the Archdiocese and elsewhere**

You can follow these on

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham>

**Mass streamed live on weekdays and Sundays.**

**For other Masses**

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

**Mass and Evening Prayer streamed live each day from Sacred Heart Church Cork**

<https://www.mscommissions.ie/spirituality/sacred-heart-live-services/>

**Music and Reflective Resources for reflection from the Emmaus Retreat Centre Dublin**

<https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020/>

**Glow around the World for Myton Hospice at Princethorpe College  
This event will now take place on Saturday 17 October 2020**

### Sunday Collections

In response to some inquiries, please do not worry about your financial contributions to the parish at this time. You will have much more important matters to worry about. You may, however, wish to continue to contribute as a way of remaining attached and connected to St Anne's. Some people have requested, and have been sent, details so that they can set up either a SO or a DD. Should you wish to do this, please contact Fr Teddy.

Understandably, in these difficult financial times is it every family's concern to ensure that money can be found for their own budgets. That must have priority.

### Sensible Precautions and No Panic

This is to repeat what has been advised so often and let us not tire in observing these precautions, especially this fine weather weekend

#### Stay at home

**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!

We are told now to expect some more difficult weeks ahead – more difficult especially for those in the NHS. Let us be more vigilant – and prayerful.

### Please remember especially in your prayers this week – let us not tire of praying

**All those people who put the lives of others before their own in whatever branch of community life they work**

**Peter** who is recovering from a bout of coronavirus.

**Bill** who is anxiously awaiting further tests this week.

**Maura Bennett RIP**, mother to Fr John Bennett MSC. Maura died unexpected recently. Hold John and his sisters in your prayers.

**Stan O'Brien RIP and Pat O'Brien RIP**, first cousins to Fr Teddy. Both died recently in Cork. Hold their last surviving sister, Josephine, in your prayers.

**Di** as she waits anxiously for further tests results.

**Anastasia**, mother to Peter Griffin, who is being cared for at home by her family.

**Kate Mernagh**, aunt of Peter Power, who is seriously ill with coronavirus in Dublin.

**Catherine**, niece to Una Power, who gave birth to a baby last week.

**Alice**, sister to Jimmy Murray, who has been ill and is now in isolation at home.

**Dr Ed**, colleague to Matilda, who is improving from a serious bout of coronavirus.

**Inspector Phil**, colleague to Allison, who is improving from a serious bout of coronavirus..

**Members of the medical profession** who have died while ministering to those ill with coronavirus.

**Parishioners** who have been diagnosed with coronavirus.

**MSC Priests from the Belgian Province of the MSCs** who have died because of coronavirus.

### Continue praying for

**Betty Lucas** RIP who was interred with Roy in Princethorpe cemetery recently. Betty would have loved being buried on Mary's Feast Day. Her immediate family only were present.

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

**Our medical staff** – some members of this parish are actively engaged on the front line in our hospitals.

**Wolfgang, Chrissie's father**, who is very seriously ill and at home now with his wife in Germany.

**Fr Robert (Bob) Wright**, Parish Priest of St John Fisher in Coventry, who died recently.

**Tom** who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

**John** whose family has asked for prayers.

**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.

**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 some good news.

**Patricia** who has received some worrying news.

**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.

**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 McCorriston (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**