

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

3 May 2020

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Year A

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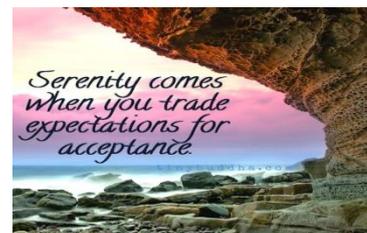
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Serenity

I can think of no one who does not want a life of undisturbed peace and tranquillity. Peace and tranquillity within their own hearts, in their relationships and in the home. Would that our emotional responses to events could remain constant and calm. But that is seldom our experience. We are sometimes tossed about on an ocean of memories and expectations, with an accompanying cocktail of emotions that uplift and enlighten or that suppress and weigh us down.

Memories take us to a past that can never be again while expectations carry us into a future that is not yet ours, preventing us from living fully in the present moment. At times of separation and isolation such feelings can be heightened, impacting on our tranquillity of heart, on our longing to be still. The unpleasantness of the present pandemic can entice us into memories of a past that only induces worry, even guilt, while our expectations of future that is not ours induce fear of what might be, all the while our present moment moves on, unappreciated.

We forget that “the past is history, the future is mystery while the present is a present”. Perhaps it is most difficult to accept that we are, as we are now, quite acceptable to our God, the God who created us and saw that what He had created was, indeed, good. Difficult for us to ‘be’, to feel ‘worthwhile’ in a time when what was once ‘normal’ is no more and we are left floating in a vacuum not of our making, seeking respite from the emptiness that has invaded our experience.



Now, then, is that time to turn to Jesus Christ, not in any sense of being ‘religious’ or ‘holy’, but in meeting a person who led by example, who took time out regularly to be ‘still’ and who invites us to “come to me, all you who labour and feel overburdened and I will give rest to your spirit”. Perhaps you’ve already tried this and know what it is like.

Living in the present moment, knowing and believing that you are valued and loved, is an acquired art. It is seldom ours naturally. So much has been invested in identifying us through our achievements that we may overlook the inherent value within us as human beings, people for whom Jesus Christ lived and died – and is now risen from the dead.

And there is the key. Jesus Christ is risen, is alive, and offers to us, as He did the apostles very soon after the resurrection: “peace be with you” was his repeated greeting. “Be still”, then, “for the presence of the Lord is here”.

**Mass streamed live from St Anne's
Note VE Day 75th Anniversary Mass on Friday 8 May at 9.30am**

Sunday 3 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	40 th Wedding Anniversary for Gillian and John Fellows
Friday 8 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	VE Day – Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the 75 th Anniversary of Victory in Europe
Monday 4 May – Thursday 7 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	Streamed live from St Anne's (If you would like someone especially prayed for please let Fr Teddy know).
Saturday and Sunday 9/10 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	Streamed live from St Anne's (If you would like someone especially prayed for 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 6 May and Friday evening 8 May at 7.00pm. This prayer will last about twenty minutes. A copy of the evening prayer will be sent out prior to the meeting.

To join in this prayer, you will need to be using **ZOOM**.

The password for all meetings is **0(zero)YQRdf**.

The ID for the meetings are:

Wednesday 6/13/20/27 May ID 767 4077 0390

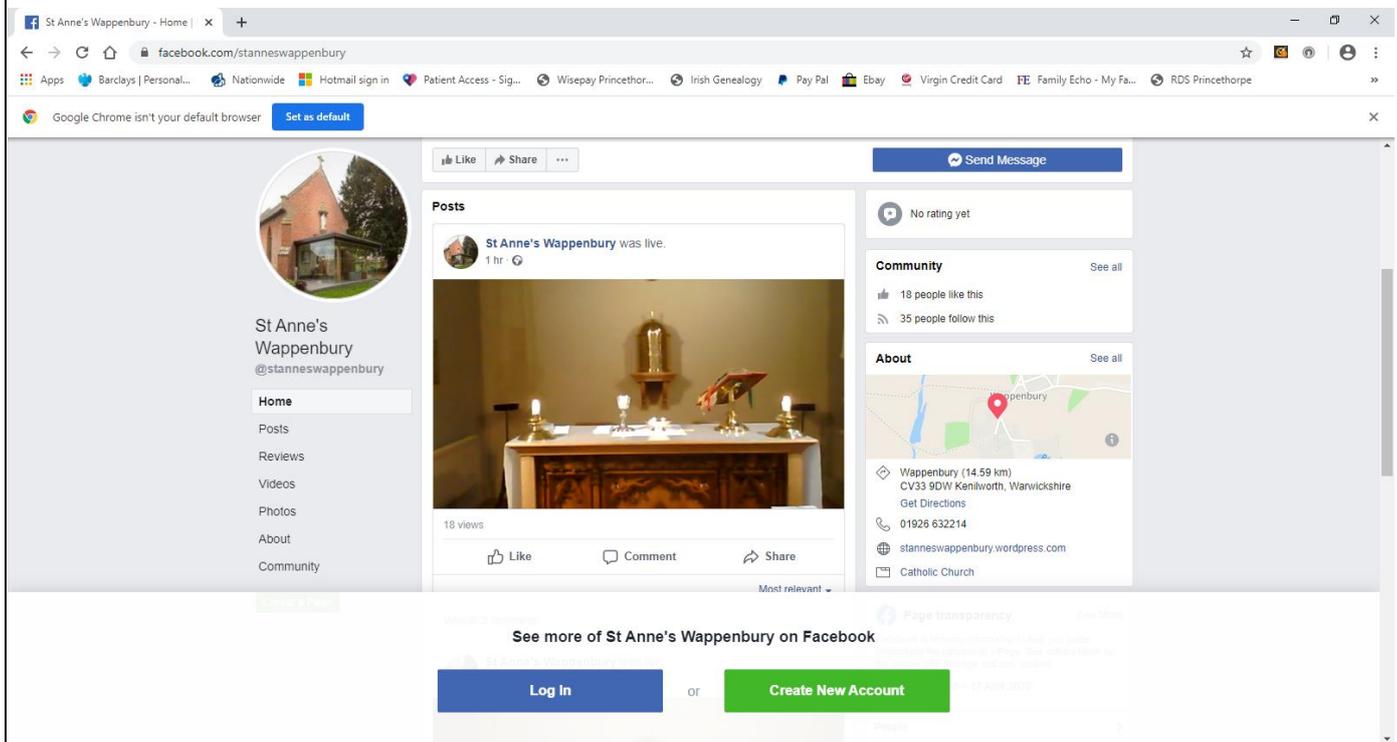
Friday 8/15/22/29 May ID 729 9075 8987

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

Please do try to join me in our daily celebration. It is a short Mass which lasts about twenty-five minutes. My wish is to give you strength and God's blessing in these trying times.

Update: there is no need to have a Facebook account. Direct access is - fb.me/stanneswappenbury - when I am about to begin the Mass the video word (left hand side of screen) will say 'live' in red. If you are unable to celebrate with me at 9.30am each morning you will be able to watch later in the day at your own convenience.

Screen Shot:



The sound has been greatly improved thanks to James and Sarah Davies. Please note time for Mass throughout the week – now 9.30am

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.mscomissions.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. However some people have expressed a wish to continue contributing during this time.

Here are the parish details should you wish to contribute at any time:

Sort Code 60-02-35 - Account number 67502784 – Please reference your surname

Details about Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Gift Aid can be found on the diocesan website -

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/FAQs/standing-order-gift-aid>

The Finance Committee are also investigating an on-line donation method – further details shortly.

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 and next weekend – Bank Holiday 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 and those that are carers in the community. Let us be more vigilant – and prayerful.

Recover Your Rosary

Our confinement is an opportunity to recover the Rosary, one of the oldest Catholic traditional prayers. Perhaps the month of May is a good time to begin this. The Rosary is judged as difficult because of the anticipated monotony of the Hail Marys. If that is so, perhaps beginning with one decade is a laudable way to start. Then moving to two and then to three and so on until we can pray five decades, perhaps over the five weekdays – five decades will take about ten minutes. During each decade, we are encouraged to reflect on one of the major events in the life of Jesus Christ and how that applies to our life at present.

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

People preparing for ordination to priesthood and diaconate today :Vocations Sunday

Julie, a nurse at Warwick hospital, who died recently.

Tom who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

Bill who is anxiously awaiting further treatment

Di, awaiting tests

Peter who is recovering from a bout of coronavirus.

Anastasia as she remembers Patrick's second anniversary.

Wolfgang, Chrissie's father, who died recently.

Norman, close friend of Paul. Norman is unwell in hospital.

Alice whose Lupus has returned.

Bishop Leo McCartie who recently

Maura Bennett RIP, mother to Fr John Bennett MSC. Maura died unexpected recently.

Liz's mum who is unwell

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 recently.

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

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.

John whose family has asked for prayers.

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

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.

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.

Mildred (87) RIP (Ryton on Dunsmore)

Betty Lucas RIP

Kay RIP, aunt to Yvonne.

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

Antonio (80) RIP who died recently.

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