

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

10 May 2020

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Year A

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UK National Marriage Week 10 – 17 May 2020

I wonder today what life has been like for you since you said those words to each other all those years ago: “for better or worse.....“til death do us part”?

Our focus these last few months has been, for many, on survival. From the early days of panic stocking up on household items - not the least of which, for some strange reason, was toilet paper - through learning to ‘wash our hands’, and finding news way of ‘working from home’ to a situation now when longing to be released from ‘lock down’ is accompanied by fear of what will happen when we are ‘released’? We have, in the main, successfully accommodated ourselves to our limited situations at home. We have spent more time together as family – or alone – than we ever dreamt we could endure.

Many couples have had, sadly, to endure the death of one spouse through this coronavirus or previously in other situations. These can look back, perhaps with considerable pain and joy, I am sure, and be thankful for many years of married life together. For those couples blessed to survive this virus, where now is that dream formulated together when you spoke your marriage vows all those years ago? I see a focus, in the UK this week on married life, as a blessed distraction from the unending news and statistics of coronavirus to focus on relationships that will, without doubt, survive this terrible time.

In the quietness of time available to you at home, can you explore the ‘gift of time together’ inbuilt into the tragedy of coronavirus whereby couples can explore their relationship and celebrate its growth through the years? Time at home, imposed by law, can afford opportunity to explore the ingredients common to prospering relationships, namely, openness, vulnerability and intimacy: openness to discovering so much about each other that has, perhaps, remained hidden or overlooked because of the busyness of life; vulnerability in having the courage to allow oneself to be known as a real human being with all that is implied here; and intimacy in welcoming the other in a non-judgemental manner, especially in accepting the myriad of feelings that present in any relationship.

Jesus’ remark to Philip: ‘have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me’, reflects both a frustration and a desire within Jesus: the apostles were busy jockeying for position in their imagined kingdom that they missed the ‘person Jesus’, something Jesus really wanted them to appreciate. Busy married life for most couples - creating a home, rearing family, all the while investing everything in family - can minimise time available to ‘know’ each other. Now there is time.

Over the entrance to the dining room in a German monastery is the saying: “to love me, you must know me; and to know me, you must listen to me”. Now there is time.....for you.....for you together.....

Mass streamed live from St Anne's every morning at 9.30am

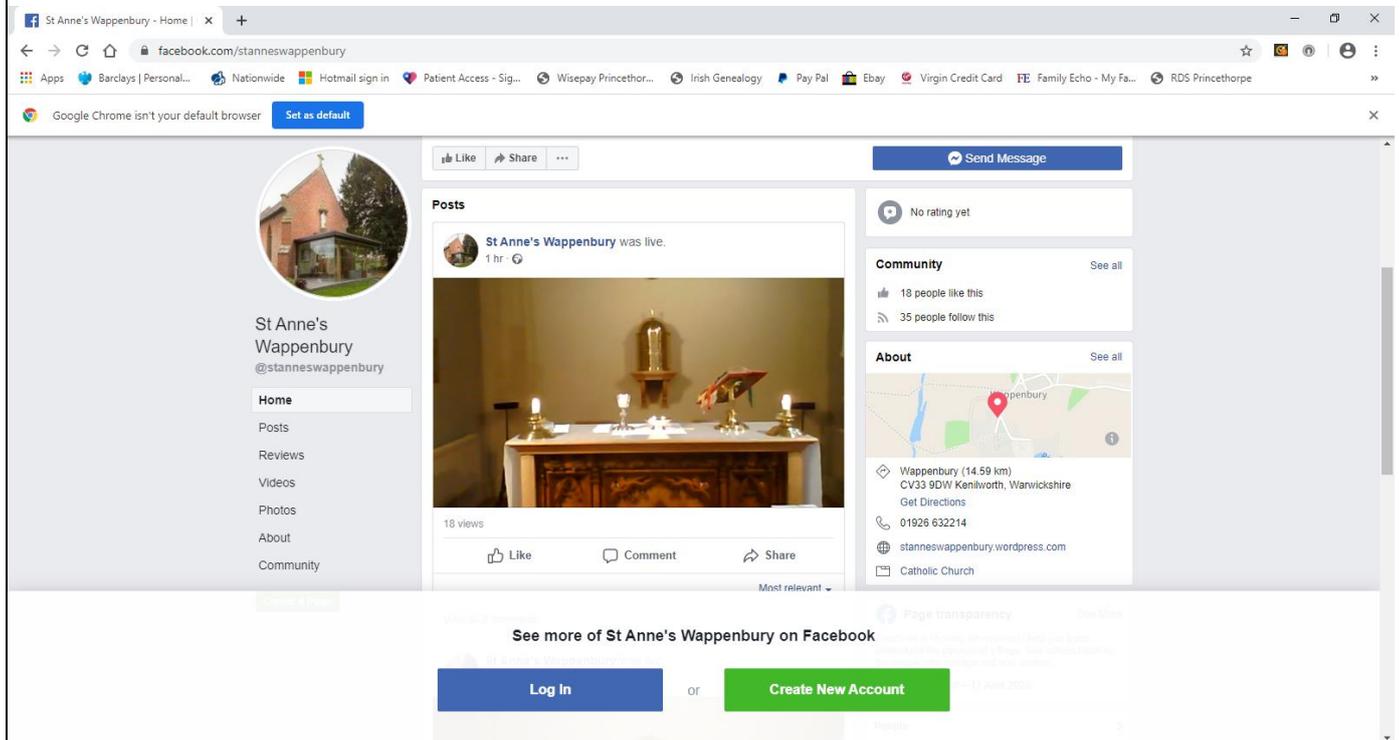
Sunday 10 May – Sunday 17 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	Live streamed using fb.me/stanneswappenbury
Wednesday 13 May	9.30am	Wappenbury	Heather Harris RIP (9 th anniversary)

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

Please do try to join me for Sunday Mass, streamed live from St Anne's, at 9.30am. Try, as well, to join me in celebrating daily Mass from St Anne's at 9.30am each day. The sound is now quite good and the echo has been eliminated. Weekday Mass is a short twenty-five minutes to begin each day.

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.mscmissions.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/>

Parish Community Evening Prayer

You can now join with me and other parishioners for a short evening prayer on Wednesday and Friday evenings in 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

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.

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.

Homilies and Weekly Newsletters

If you have mislaid the weekly newsletters and homilies and you wish to read them again, you can find them on the parish website: <https://stanneswapenbury.wordpress.com>

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.

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.

Married couples as we celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage throughout this week.

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 is cared for at home.

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 RIP, who died 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 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