

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

**17 May 2020**

**Sixth Sunday After Easter**

**Year A**

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**An Ancient Tradition**

During my own childhood and continuing through until the 70s and 80s, regular visiting of a Catholic Church was a custom for many Catholic men and women. Catholic Tradition embodies the custom of private prayer before the blessed sacrament. This tradition has waned considerably in recent years - 'we can pray anywhere' is what I hear. And, of course, that is true and laudable.

Since the onset of this pandemic, we are deprived of Holy Communion sacramentally and also the freedom to pray in our Catholic churches. St Anne's Parish is one of those rare parishes where Catholics, over the centuries, did not bow to political pressure not to attend Mass, at great risk to themselves, such was their devotion to Mass and to the Eucharist.

We are some eight weeks now into lock down and I invite reflection whether the custom of daily Mass might be revived, now that we can participate daily, admittedly virtually and at a distance, because many churches, including St Anne's, stream Mass live each day through various channels, at various times and with a variety of solemnity. I think of the contrast between St Anne's and the beautiful setting of the Domus Sanctae Marthae (Saint Martha's House) where Pope Francis celebrates Mass each day.

Participating in Mass in this way can induce both sadness at being reminded of the fact that sacramental Holy Communion must wait for another day and a joyful calm at the visible presence of the Eucharist in your own home virtually. It also invites a time in the day – perhaps a very busy day – to anchor oneself in the risen Jesus Christ as our only stable point at this time.

I have celebrated Mass many times in my life alone, both physically and virtually. At this time, it is uplifting to know that, while I celebrate Mass in an empty church, there are others 'out there' sharing in the celebration with me. It is, also, encouraging to know that you are continuing to pray for those who both ask for and need our prayers, among whom we number all health care workers and, from time to time, various groups of people how may feel forgotten – the elderly, the shielded, families and children enduring lock down in often cramped situations. And now those returning to work and preparing for a return to school.

It is time, also, to remember those well enough to begin a 'return to normal' way of life that, in their choices, they may keep themselves and others safe and well. Time out each day at Mass can remind us of the sacrifices we must all continue to make for the benefit of the whole community.

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

Thank you to those of you who are able to join me in the weekly daily Mass. I hope that celebrating with me for this short service gives you a feeling of community which still remains for all of us.

<b>Sunday 17 May – Sunday 24 May</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury	Live streamed using <b><a href="https://fb.me/stanneswappenbury">fb.me/stanneswappenbury</a></b>
<b>Thursday 21 May</b>	9.30am 7.00pm – 7.45pm (Prayer, streamed live, before we clap for the NHS)	Wappenbury Wappenbury	<b>The Ascension of the Lord <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, including the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.</i></b>

### Apologies

BT has informed me that there are huge 'errors' on my line. It must be checked from the Marton Exchange to Wappenbury. The earliest this can be done, it seems, is next Saturday 23 May. Please bear with me this week as this problem is remedied, should the picture periodically 'break up'.

### 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/>

### 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 ID for all meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays is **798 7539 5937** with the password **0(zero)YQRdf**

Apologies for previous confusions and mistakes – truly a learning curve for me!

### Sunday Collections

Since it is likely that our restrictions as regards gathering for Mass at either St Anne's or Princethorpe will remain in force for a considerable length of time, may I ask those who contribute weekly, through the collections at Mass, to review how they might contribute while we wait to return to attendance at Mass. Our current overdraft is just over £7000.00 as on 5 May 2020 and, as with all of you, regular expenses continue to be incurred, such as Community Charge, Lighting, Heating, Communication, Cemetery and grounds maintenance etc. DD and SO provide the advantage that you continue to contribute directly during these difficult times. For this, I remain grateful.

You can contribute to cheque if you still use cheques or through BACS if that is your preferred way. For BACS, the details are: **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 it is every family's concern to ensure that money can be found for their own budgets. That must remain your 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. Pope Francis has spoken eloquently about this recently.

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://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com>

There is also the weekly Childrens' Liturgy Support sheets available on the website

### **Continue with Sensible Precautions and No Panic**

**Stay at home/Stay Alert** – in either case, please continue to behave in a manner that keeps you and others safe.

**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 – seek a greater awareness of God’s presence with you each moment.

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

Even though there are changes ‘freeing’ us up, we must prepare mentally and emotionally to endure, for some considerable time, on-going limitations to our freedom.

Always remember that the ‘limitations’ on health care workers on the front line are there to stay!

### **Job Opportunity at Princethorpe College – Shop Manager**

The College seeks to appoint a Shop Manager who must be able to manage and run the shop, on site at the College, providing a high level of service to potential parents, parents, pupils and staff of the Foundation.

Hours of work: 25 hours a week for 37 weeks of the year, Monday to Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm with an hour for lunch to cover the school term time and some additional days at half-terms and during the Easter holiday as and when required. In the Summer holidays (for 7 weeks of the year) the successful candidate would be required to work 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, with an hour for lunch. Holiday is paid in addition to these working times.

Closing date Monday 18 May – see website - Princethorpe College Join Us

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185>

### **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.**

**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.

**Education staff, children and their parents** as there are moves to open schools once again.

**Anastasia** as she is cared for at home.

**Eileen** who is unwell in a rest 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 unexpectedly 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. His parents work on the front line.

**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**