

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

**28 June 2020**

**Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Year A**

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**Samuel Piser  
Lawyer, Advisor to presidents, Auschwitz Survivor  
RIP 2015**

Perhaps you have never heard of this man. Born in Poland in 1929 and, at age 10, imprisoned for six years, in various Nazi death camps. I mention him today because of a quotation I received this week – with thanks - with reference to the recent reactions to past historic events.

Samuel Piser said that “*we do not live in the past but the past lives in us*”. I feel sure that we could quite easily agree with that statement. And while true, does it not matter greatly just *how* the past lives in us. Our past is part of us. Our experiences, remembered or forgotten, lie within us like cells that make up our very being. Frank Lake, priest, theologian and psychologist of the 1950s, would maintain that nothing experienced is ever lost to us.

For our survival, we develop techniques to protect ourselves from hurtful memories, just as we celebrate memories that enliven and enlighten our lives. In protecting ourselves from hurtful experiences, we hide them from others, sometimes even from ourselves. We easily release our feelings of joy, excitement, celebration while secluding unpleasant feelings of anger, revenge, even envy which neither we nor anyone else will know about or want to acknowledge.

To protect itself – and perhaps for other less noble motives - ‘society’ forbids the release of many human emotions. History is witness to that. History is also witness to the fact that memory will not be destroyed by coercion of any kind. Memory, and its accompanying experiences, will have its day.

Memory, however, always presents us with choice – to live in the past with that memory, or to acknowledge the influence that such memory may have on present life. The former can provoke and enliven, often with unpleasant consequences, those unexpressed emotions of former days that, at the time, were denied expression. The latter can provide energy – to acknowledge that I am not defined by my past nor will I allow you to define me by my past. I am who I am now because of my past, memories remembered, filtered and memories forgotten.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of two great men in the church, Peter and Paul. As it is sometimes put, they are men ‘with a past’. Tomorrow we will reflect on that. Yet our reflection with focus more on just how Jesus was able to relate so amicably with these men ‘with a past’ to the extent that each was chosen as co-CEO!

How possible is it for us the, and for those people who have suffered hugely and unjustly at the hands of other people and societies, to learn to un-remember past hurts without forgetting them – as with Samuel Piers, Nelson Mandela, Padre Pio, Anne Frank, Rosa Parks and many others. How can the offended one un-remember the past? How can the offended one be reconciled with the past and with the offender?

We might wonder just what was their focus that empowered these men and women to un-remember a hurtful and unjust past, and what it is we can offer ‘movements’ life “Black Lives Matter”, “Me Too” and others that will facilitate, without violence, a fair and just honouring of their past and offer encouragement that, if we support them, their past and ours can be appropriately healed and be life giving.

<i>Mass streamed live from St Anne's every morning at 9.30am</i>			
<i>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.</i>			
Sunday 28 June – Sunday 5 July	9.30am	Wappenbury	Live streamed using <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stanneswappenbury">fb.me/stanneswappenbury</a>
Friday 3 July	12.00pm	Wappenbury	Funeral Mass for Gertude streamed live followed by burial at Wappenbury – immediate family only.

**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/>

**Parish Community Evening Prayer**

You can now join with me and other parishioners for a short evening prayer on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.00pm. This prayer will last about twenty minutes. A copy of the evening prayer will be sent out prior to the meeting. If you have not joined me up to now, please let me know so that I can send you the prayer.

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

The ID for all meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays is **792 0665 7076** with the password **0(zero)YQRdf**  
**Please note the new ID number**

**Sunday Collections**

My thanks to those who had sent contributions and who have set up SO and DD. I very much appreciate this.

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>

DD and SO provide the advantage that you continue to contribute directly during these difficult times. For this, I remain grateful.

You can contribute by cheque, if you still use them, or through BACS if that is your preferred way. For BACS, the details are: National Westminster Bank **Sort Code 60-02-35 - Account number 67502784 – Please reference your surname/name of bank**

The Finance Committee is also investigating an on-line donation method.

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 and, as with all of you, regular expenses continue to be incurred, such as Community Charge, Lighting, Heating, Communication, Cemetery and grounds maintenance etc.

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.

**Thank you again and again.....**

I would like to thank all of you who have been so kind and generous in leaving me groceries and gifts during the lock down. It has often happened that I have not heard you coming and going and on opening my front door I have found treats left in bags without me knowing who has dropped them off. Thank you whoever you are and my blessings to you all.

### Re-Opening of Churches

On Monday 15 June, some churches re-opened for private prayer. On 4 July some churches will open for the celebration of Mass. Other churches, including St Anne's and Our Lady of the Angels' Princethorpe, remain closed at present both for private prayer and public Mass. I will be working this week to examine the timing for re-opening either and both churches. Your safety and mine is of paramount consideration. I will be guided by the requirements of the civil and archdiocesan authorities, together with conversations with parishioners and Princethorpe College management team. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

I am hopeful that St Anne's can be appropriately cleaned and made ready for re-opening as soon as possible. In the meantime, in so far as legislation permits, you are welcome to come and enjoy the garden at St Anne's, to visit the cemetery and, insofar as is permitted by the civil authorities, to stay for a chat on the terrace, with appropriate distancing. Those who are shielding and those caring for vulnerable people need to be especially careful.

I will continue to stream Mass live each day at 9.30am. It is uplifting that the numbers joining each day increases.

### Shoe-Boxes 2020 – Bars of Soap Appeal

Please you could consider buying any type of solid bars of soap when you are ordering on-line or out shopping please do so. Any gifts can be left in Teddy's porch – no need to ring the door bell just drop off the bag. All donations will be passed to Pam and the team. Thank you.

### Princethorpe College Vacancies

**Administration/Reception – Maternity Cover** -We require an Administrator and Receptionist as a maternity cover, ideally starting mid-August 2020, to assist with the administration and organisational requirements of the College – closing date Monday 6 July 2020.

**Learning Support Teacher – part-time** - We seek a specialist teacher of Learning Support for pupils aged from 11 to 19 years with Specific Learning Difficulties and other SEND. There is some flexibility and this could be a full-time position or significant part-time.

For both vacancies please see <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 and their own lifestyles before their own in whatever branch of community life they work.

**Remember also, and especially,** those who have been shielding now for a long time.

**Gertrude** who died recently. Gertrude's funeral service will be streamed live from St Anne's at 12 noon on Friday 3 July with burial at St Anne's at 2.00pm on the same day. Hopefully her burial will also be streamed.

**Sue** whose expected operation was cancelled at the last minute. Hold Sue's family in your prayers.

**Bill** who continues tomorrow with week five of his treatment. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers.

**Patrick Horgan (76)** who is seriously ill. Hold his family in your prayers. Pray for Jo his very close friend.

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

**Stephen,** friend of Milena's, who is seriously ill.

**Fr John Fitzgerald MSC** whose mother died on Thursday evening.

**Sean** who is unwell at present.

**Fr Dan O'Connor MSC** who is seriously unwell at present in a nursing home in Ireland.

**Di,** awaiting further tests.

**Fr John Fitzgerald** as he cares for the elderly members of MSC communities in Ireland.

**Fr Manus Ferry MSC** as he works as a hospital chaplain in Dublin

**Paddy Mernagh RIP** Pray for Bridget (wife) and children Peter, Seamus, Dermot, Ray, Denise and Louise

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

**Melanie,** a young girl who struggles with identity. Pray for her family and friends as they present support.

**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.

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

**Liz's** mum who is unwell.

**Peter Power** family.

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

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

**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. Pray for patience for all as times moves on.....

**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.

**John (75)** diagnosed with bladder cancer.

**All elderly parents of parishioners.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Bishop Leo McCartie RIP**, who died recently.

**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**