

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

12 July 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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The Languages of Love

In 2009, Gary Chapman published a book entitled: "The Five Languages of Love: The Secret of a Love That Lasts". It says something about that book – and, perhaps, about the purchasers – when it sold over 13 million copies!.

Gary gave names to these five languages of love, namely, Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Gift Giving, Acts of Service and Physical Touch. The fact that 13 million copies went off the shelves suggests a quest among many people for a love that will, indeed, last and stand the test of time. At a time when relationships and marriages seem to be tested to such a limit that a great number fracture and many break completely, for those whose relationship prosper, perhaps there lies an invitation to encourage a quest for a deeper love. And a pointer to not resting satisfied with a 'good' relationship.

I readily extend this invitation to the unmarried and committed, namely to clergy and religious, not to rest satisfied with a 'good' priesthood and a 'good' religious life. It is extended also to all who want life to be fulfilling without the constant need for 'respite'. The invitation to all is to acknowledge that, with Cardinal Newman, "to change is to grow and to be perfect is to have changed often".

As we grow, our needs mature and develop, even change. What satisfied at one stage of life may no longer do so at another. Presuming that the loved one still wants flowers and chocolates may be an accurate perception of the loved one's needs and, yet, it may prove be a presumption too far! New ways of expressing and receiving love emerge or are discovered. New ways of needing to be shown love come to the fore. Gary's intention in his book was to encourage and enlighten people constantly to learn both how to give and to receive love, all the while listening to the changing needs of the other so that love can be clearly communicated in a way that it is best received and honoured.

During lockdown, we have tried to 'speak' these languages of love and have we not sometimes been surprised at how well 'spoken' these languages have been. How uplifted I was last Wednesday (I had thought that memory might be interfered with during Covid-19!) to 'hear' the language of affirmation, of gift giving, of service and of quality time. To be the recipient of these, spoken in varied and new ways to me, from so many home and abroad was just wonderful. I appreciated the thought and effort entered into to make that day memorable. I speak here another language of love, 'Thank You'. I, and I know you too, long to be able to 'speak' and to 'hear' the Language of Touch – but that is for another day.

The wish of the heart of Christ, expressed in His final meeting with His apostles, was that "His own joy might be in us and that our joy might be complete". Speaking and hearing the languages of love will surely enhance our joy. Let us be always ready to learn a new language!

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.

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| Sunday 12 July - Sunday 19 July | 9.30am | Wappenbury | <i>Live streamed using fb.me/stanneswappenbury</i> |
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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 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

Shoe-Boxes 2020 – Bars Of Soap Appeal – Please Remember If You Can

Please, 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.

Re-Opening of Churches

Some churches have now re-opened for Sunday Mass and some, as well, for some weekday Masses. All accommodate limited numbers. 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 am presently working to enable Mass to be celebrated at Princethorpe in the next few weeks. When this happens, it will also be for limited numbers. We will continue to be obliged to honour social distancing. Your safety and mine is of paramount consideration.

I will this week send out an email specifically dealing with Mass in St Anne's Parish. Please look out for this email. I am 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.

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.

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

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**

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. And thanks to those who have managed to contribute during these last 14 weeks.

.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 – and you continue to do it!! .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.

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 20 July 2020.

Dyslexia Tutor/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 – closing date Monday 20 July 2020.

Uniform and School Shop Manager - must be able to manage and run the shop providing a high level of service to potential parents, parents, pupils and staff of the Foundation – closing date Monday 27 July 2020.

Teacher of Chemistry - required for January 2021, a well-qualified graduate to teach Chemistry in a lively, successful and growing department, on a full-time or significant part-time basis. This person's timetable for the coming year goes up to GCSE but the ability and desire to teach A-level thereafter would be advantageous – closing date Friday 18 September 2020

For all vacancies please see <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185> or call the College Reception on 01926 634200

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

Patrick Horgan (76) who died unexpectedly and peacefully recently. Hold his family in your prayers. Pray for Jo, his very close friend.

Jim and Anne whose young baby is undergoing tests in hospital in Ireland. Hold their wider family in your prayers.

Bill, as he begins his recovery from six weeks of treatment. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers.

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 and those who, this weekend, will experience more freedom from lock down.

Those who will soon venture on holidays abroad.

Gertrude RIP – hold the family at home and overseas in your prayers

Sue, waiting for a date for her re-arranged operation Hold Sue's family in your prayers.

Jeanne who is unwell.

Tom who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Stephen, friend of Milena's, who is seriously ill. Pray for Melina and her colleagues.

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. John buried his mother recently.

Fr Manus Ferry MSC as he works as a hospital chaplain in Dublin. His mother and cousin died recently.

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

Education staff, children and their parents as schools re-open and as they all prepare for a return in late August/September.

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 being cared for in a rest home in Leamington.

Wolfgang, Chrissie's father, who died recently.

Alice whose Lupus has returned.

Liz's mum who is unwell.

Peter Power and family.

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 and USA Provinces 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.

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