

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

22 December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
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Sunday 22 December	8.30am 10.15am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Parishioners
Monday 23 December	9.15am	Wappenbury	MSC Missionaries abroad
Tuesday 24 December	5.00pm 10.00pm	Princethorpe Princethorpe	Family Mass First Mass of Christmas
Wednesday 25 December	9.00am 10.30am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Christmas Mass at Dawn Christmas Mass during the Day
Friday 27 December	9.15am 11.00am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Baptism James Abery
Sunday 29 December	8.30am 10.15am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	

Sunday Collections

Including a weekly average of Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

St Anne's – 15 December 2019	Princethorpe – 15 December 2019
First collection: £80.50	First collection: £139.10
Second collection:	Second collection:
Other Donations:	Average weekly Gift Aid/Standing orders: £115.00

Dates for your diary – Note the change of churches for some Masses over the Christmas Holidays

Sunday 5 January 2020	8.30am 10.15am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	
Wednesday 8 January 2020	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Readers' meeting
Wednesday 15 January 2020	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Eucharistic Ministers' meeting
Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February 2020		Wappenbury Princethorpe	Archbishop's Deanery Visitation

Walk With Me for Advent

This is now available in both churches. I encourage all readers to take a copy for personal reflection.

Readers' Meetings

I would like to meet those who will be reading during Christmas before they are due to read. Will you please check with Peter Griffin and Mary Legge and **then contact me so that we can meet, individually or together**, one evening.

There will be a training meeting for all readers at Wappenbury on **Wednesday 8 January at 7.00pm**

Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting

Will Eucharistic Minister please put **Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7.00pm at Wappenbury** in their diaries for this meeting.

The Sower

This is the magazine of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. I encourage you especially to take one today. It gives some indication of the life of the Archdiocese as well as a summary of the archdiocesan financial statement for 2018.

Teams 4 U Shoe-Box Appeal 2019

A tremendous thank you to all of you who have supported this appeal in anyway. 2705 boxes have been sent to North East Romania and Belarus. Please can we thank Sean and Marie Kerrigan for the after Mass tea and coffee at Princethorpe, not forgetting the ginger biscuits, in raising approximately £250 towards the transport costs.

Parish Levies from January 2020

As a parish within the Archdiocese of Birmingham, St Anne's is levied each year a percentage of our income to fund the various pastoral and administrative of the archdiocese. Included in the levies are support for schools, retired clergy, youth centres at Alton Castle and Soli House, chaplaincies, safeguarding, Cathedral House administration and others. Until 2019, our levy was calculated on the income from the weekly first collections and standing orders (associated with the offertory collection) together with other small levies associated with Safeguarding, Youth, Clergy Training, Catholic Education and others.

Beginning in 2020, the levy each year will be calculated as 28% of **all** income (with some exceptions) received two years previously. For 2020, this will be 28% of income received during 2018. For 2021, the levy will be based on all income received in 2019 and so on. This will add substantially to the outgoings from this parish. St Anne's Finance Committee is monitoring this change and will examine and adapt procedures to ensure the financial viability of the parish.

There is a separate handout this morning with further information. See also copies of *The Sower* for details of the Archdiocese Financial report for 2018.

The Archbishop's Deanery Visitation to St Anne's Parish – Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February 2020

The purpose of the Archbishop's Deanery Visitation is to experience the life of St Anne's Parish, to meet parishioners and those with special responsibilities within the parish, and to see how our vision for the future fits with the overall diocesan vision for the next 10 years. He will arrive on Saturday afternoon, meet with Fr Teddy, travel round the parish and learn about the extent of the parish and its varied life in a rural setting. He likes to visit a few housebound parishioners while on the tour of the parish.

It is important that the Archbishop experiences the ordinary life of the parish. The recent questionnaire and the responses I have received will be at the forefront of some conversations. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete them. Please return yours if you have not already done so. An analysis will be made available to you all shortly.

Meetings with various people will be arranged between Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. In addition, and to enable all our parishioners to come together and have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Archbishop, I have arranged a brunch for parishioners on Sunday 2 February between 11.45am and 2.00pm in Princethorpe College Sixth Form Centre. I do hope that those who attend the early 8.30am Mass at Wappenbury will come to this brunch.

For catering purposes and to ensure that you are free to come, please reserve your place at your earliest convenience and put the date and time in your diary. Please let Loretta Curtis know of your intention to attend on 07951 256796 or lkpcurtis@hotmail.com or see Loretta at Mass. The final date for numbers will be Monday 20 January 2020.

This is an event that happens in parishes once every five years. It is important for the future of the Catholic Community of St Anne's Parish and its place in the wider rural community of some 17 villages.

I wish to thank Princethorpe College for offering use of the Sixth Form Centre to the parish and supporting this parish event.

A Christmas Wish

Jesus said that "the truth will set you free". But surely only if the truth is spoken and listened to. Christians know the truth about Christmas – about the birth of God in human form, coming to earth to set us free from whatever it is that binds us and weighs us down and to bring "peace on earth to people of good will".

This is a message that can be hard to hear when the noise and clamour of Christmas is all around us and the pressure to 'fit in' with this expression of Christmas weighs upon us. Can we have both – the peace and the noise? I am sure that we can and only if the peace prevails and is louder than the noise!

Try to find some place for peace in these last days before the feast so that, with a peace filled heart, each can enjoy the human fellowship with family and friends.

Frs Teddy and Alan wish you all peace, joy and contentment as you prepare for, and celebrate, this great feast.

Please remember in your prayers this week especially.

People who have lost a loved one throughout 2019 and for whom Christmas will be very different this year.

People who experienced a breach in their relationships during 2019, especially where children are involved.

Michael (attends Mass in a wheelchair at Princethorpe) who broke his hip last week and is in hospital. Hold his wife and family in your prayers.

Fr Michael MSC, (USA), Fr Manus MSC (Ire), Fr McNamara MSC (Ire) who are ill at present.

Nonna Tina RIP, grandmother to Vinny, Nonna died in Naples recently

Simon (32)RIP, an Elim Pastor, who died peacefully at Myton Hospice recently. Hold his family in your prayers.

Eileen, Liz Griffin's mother, who fell and broke her hip.

Betty, who suffered a fall recently. Betty is in very good form in Ruth's home in Leamington Spa.

Elizabeth who has been diagnosed with a long term illness and is improving.

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 unwell at the present time.

Keren and her husband. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Keren is a member of Princethorpe College staff.

Alice, James, Sonia and David, thank you all for your prayers. Now prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Lily Rose. Mother and baby are doing well – but continue with your prayers for this brave family

Karen, waiting results of an exploratory investigation.

Linda, Stretton on Dunsmore, who is recovering at home. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Betty Kaminski, friend of Loretta, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Betty has been moved to St Joseph's in Coleshill for short term respite care.

Adrian, a friend of Loretta who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is receiving treatment at Christie's Hospital in Manchester.

Liz and family as they cope with recent family illness.

Patricia who has recently been diagnosed with health difficulties.

Carolyn whose daughter is experiencing on-going mental health difficulties.

Ed, whose father is recovering at home from a heart attack.

Chris thanks God that he is now clear of cancer. He thanks you all for your prayers.

Roisin and Niamh, as they cope with difficult health problems. Their health problems are on-going.

Andy, who suffered a serious injury recently. Pray for his wife and parents.

Anastasia, (elderly) who being cared for by her family.

Claire, who is going through a tough time right now.

Linda, who is recovering from the effects of her treatment for cancer.

Michael, who had his operation recently and is recovering at home.

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.

Lawrence gives thanks for prayers answered for his continued treatment. Hold his wife and family 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.

Peter, who is recovering.

Frank

Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

Blaise (7) RIP, who died recently after many months suffering from a brain tumour.

Thomas Duffy RIP, who died recently. Thomas is related to Fen.

Pauline RIP, hold Peter in your prayers.

Chris Smart (77) RIP, please pray for Chris' family.

Con McCorrison (88) RIP, relative of Tom Butler.

Rod Tranter RIP, Rod is the father to Fr Carl Tranter MSC.

Darren RIP, remember Darren and his wider family in your prayers.

Joan (91) RIP, aunt to Peter Lamb.

Myrtle Forster (64) RIP Myrtle is aunt to Beth.

Joan and Sister RIP, sisters of Sandra.

Bob RIP, Clare's husband

Maria Ramsay (76) RIP

Mont RIP - Roy's brother. Hold Roy in your prayers.

John RIP - Clare's father.