

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

**15 March 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**Fr Teddy O'Brien MSC - Parish Priest**

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham  
(Registered Charity Number: 234216) and is conducted, on behalf of the Archdiocese,  
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**Please note that, from Sunday 5 April 2020, the new contact email address for *parish business* will be**

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**My personal *private email address* will remain [fatherted2017@hotmail.com](mailto:fatherted2017@hotmail.com)**

*(Second collection today for CAFOD)*

Sunday 15 March	8.30am 10.15am	Princethorpe Princethorpe	Mass suspended – see email Mass suspended – see email
Each day	9.00am	Wappenbury	Private Mass celebrated at Wappenbury by Fr Teddy see email

**Sunday Collections**

Including a weekly average of Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

St Anne's – 8 March 2020	Princethorpe – 8 March 2020
First collection: £103.00	First collection: £111.31
Second collection: £90.20 (CAFOD)	Second collection: £131.33 (CAFOD)
Other Donations:	Average weekly Gift Aid/Standing orders: £115.00

**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 31 March	7.00pm	St Peter's, Leamington Spa	Warwick Deanery Visitation - Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 11 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Finance Committee meeting
Thursday 9 April	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Maundy Thursday Mass
Friday 10 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe	Good Friday Service
Saturday 11 April	8.00pm	Wappenbury	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 April	8.30am 10.15am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass
Saturday 27 June	6.00pm	Wappenbury	Mass and Annual Parish Bar B Q

**Adjustments to Parish Levies 2020**

The levies proposed in recent correspondence have been temporarily suspended. The first quarter levy for 2020 has been based on the first quarter levy for 2019. Further discussion is now underway.

**Teaching at Princethorpe Foundation**

**Teacher of Physics** – up to A-level – Closing date Monday 16 March

For all the above, please visit [www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us](http://www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us)

**Lent 2020 – Just another Lent or a Special One?**

**Our goal**, our destiny, is to be transformed, transfigured, by God's Spirit. Fasting, praying, alms-giving are the *means* to this end. Performed quietly, calmly, regularly – perhaps even together, in church and in the home and with friends – prepares us to receive the gift of God's Spirit daily. In this way, our very selves are transformed.

**Each week** during this present crisis, I will celebrate Mass quietly in Wappenbury at about 9.00am. I invite you to be with me here in spirit during that time to pray, with me, for the concerns of this parish, nation and world.

**Request from Tim Malin**

Tim's mother will welcome any knitting wool to make items for the shoe box appeal. Place in a bag, marked for Tim and leave in St Anne's. Wait for further information about this.

### **The Year of the Word 2020**

The Catholic Church is, this year, highlighting the importance of the Word of God as read, and listened to, each Sunday. You will notice the effort in this parish to enable you to become more involved, not just in reading the Word of God, but in taking time, before you read on Sunday, to spend some time with Fr Teddy and another parishioner: to study the readings, and for a parishioner to prepare, and to introduce, the readings to us all. All suspended until further notice. See the website.

A very good meeting last Wednesday reviewed this process to date. Those present agreed to continue this and to review again at Pentecost. Please let Fr Teddy know if you wish to be involved in reading in church.

### **Glow around the World for Myton Hospice at Princethorpe College - Saturday 28 March 2020**

Myton Hospice are holding a major fundraising event at Princethorpe College on Saturday 28 March 2020 from 6.30pm until midnight. The college grounds will be transformed with around the world cultural experiences for participants to enjoy as they take on a 5km sponsored walk. There will be music, food and entertainment during the evening, but there will **not** be any fireworks. As there is limited parking available on site, and to reduce our carbon footprint, we have opted to put on shuttle buses for participants from Leamington, Coventry and Rugby which will also reduce the amount of traffic the event will cause. There will be parking for blue badge holders and it will be possible to be dropped off and collected later. We wanted to take this opportunity to apologise in advance should this event cause any inconvenience to you.

The Myton Hospices are hoping to raise an amazing £60,000 from this event and are extremely grateful to be working alongside Princethorpe College who are supporting us in our mission to raise £9.2million this year to continue our services free of charge to the people of Coventry and Warwickshire.

More event information is available on our website [www.mytonhospice.org/glow](http://www.mytonhospice.org/glow) We would love you to get involved, should you wish to join us for the evening, you can purchase tickets online at: [www.mytonhospice.org/glow](http://www.mytonhospice.org/glow).

**Let us wait and see how the virus situation develops.**

### **Sensible Precautions and No Panic**

This is to repeat what has been advised so often:

**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!

### **Coronavirus Pandemic – A Reflection and a Practice**

The current situation in the UK invites -rather compels -us to be responsible in our daily behaviour, a behaviour that must change. This spills over into the practice of our faith, which leads to my decision this weekend.

One change that imposes itself on us is for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions (asthma, cancer treatment (completed or on-going), colds, coughs etc) to remain at home and not to tire yourselves out. The obligation to attend church is always suspended when we are ill as it compels us to care for ourselves and others. Remember there is no need to ‘hunt’ for Mass.- the Lord will understand.

Especially for St Anne’s Wappenbury. The available space makes social distancing difficult. For this reason, from this Sunday and until 29 March inclusive (at least) there will not be Sunday Mass at Wappenbury.

Please visit the parish website where up to date information will be published. You will also find on the website prayers and reflections for this time of national emergency.

The pandemic presents all with food for reflection. It is not God’s way to use tragedy to teach or to rebuke us. However, tragedy, as a pandemic, compels us to inquire about our value system. Just what is important to us? And where does God, and our finiteness, fit into a world in which we ourselves wish, and indeed, try to be omnipotent, only to encounter now our real fragility – and, at the same time, an invitation to discover more about our God.

**Please remember in your prayers this week especially**

**Betty Lucas** who died very peacefully at Ruth's home in Leamington Spa on Thursday evening last week. Hold Betty and her family in your prayers at this difficult time. Funeral arrangements later – see the website.

**Oliver** who is awaiting tests. Oliver is very anxious about these tests.

**Parishioners** with underlying medical problems of varying kinds and for whom this present viral situation induces increased anxiety.

**Fr Robert (Bob) Wright**, Parish Priest of St John Fisher in Coventry, who died recently. Bob's funeral will be at St John Fisher Church, Coventry, CV2 3DL on Friday 20 March at 12 noon. Reception into church at 6.00pm on Thursday 19 March.

**Tom** who is undergoing tests for prostate cancer

**John** whose family has asked for prayers.

**Fr Sean MHM (92)** who suffered a fall last week and is convalescing in a rest home in Dublin.

**People suffering anxiety** because of the ongoing consequences of flooding.

**Bill and his wife** thank you for prayers. Test results are proving very positive.

**Mildred (87) (Ryton on Dunsmore)** who died recently.

**Kay RIP**, aunt to Yvonne.

**Domonkos Kordas (14)** who has lost sight in one eye. Pray for him and family and friends.

**Michael Duigan RIP**

**Peter Morgan RIP**, father of Helen Morgan, a member of staff at Princethorpe College.

**Antonio (80) RIP** who died recently.

**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 received favourable results. .

**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 a setback recently.

**Patricia** who has recently been diagnosed with health difficulties.

**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.

**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 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.

**Betty Kaminski RIP**

**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**