

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

**26 April 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Year A**

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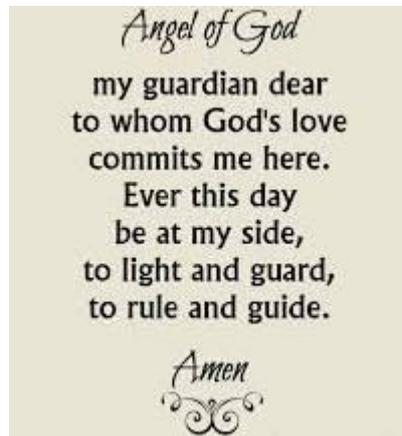
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**In Praise of Angels**

As a child, I was taught by my parents that I had a Guardian Angel, someone who would be 'there for me' at all times. I felt special when I heard that, to think that God had given me a special angel just for little ol' me. I felt safe at night thinking that my angel would look after me. And I was taught a simple prayer to say each night to my angel:



I have never forgotten that prayer and you may have heard your own version of it. In a more sophisticated culture, like ours has become, angels somehow lose their credibility. "You don't believe in that stuff, do you?", we hear sometimes. Yet we use the word frequently, especially in recent months. "You're an angel", we say, and we mean it. And it is true. Someone there always to care for another, sometimes in a most unexpected and beautiful way, is surely a modern understanding of 'angel'.

Our Health Care Workers, our Care Home staff, our sons and daughters caring for ageing parents or caring for especially needy young people, these are surely 'angels'. And, as in the Catholic tradition, there are angels and archangels, so in our modern culture, special angels appear when least expected.

I am thinking of the nurses and doctors, some quite young, holding the hands of a dying person who must, because of our situation, die unaccompanied by the families they love and who love them. Angels that cater, not only for the physical and mental welfare of their patients, but who are with them in that spiritual part of the journey from life through death to another way of being. Angels for whom faith differences and denomination affiliations do not really matter. Surely these are our 21C 'angels' sent by God to accompany people journeying from this life into a new world.

And our chaplains, too, men and women of all faiths accompanying families in the loneliness of being unable to afford their loved ones the customary burial rites of their tradition.

Yes. I believe in angels – and, as an ABBA fan, I love the way they portrayed that for us. Play it for yourself sometime this week.

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**The sound has been modified this week in Wappenbury. Under test, it has been very good, without the echo experienced previously. Hopefully there will not be an interruption in broadband which has now been hard wired. because WIFI has proved erratic.**

**Please note time for Mass throughout the week – now 9.30am**

<b>Sunday 26 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury	Streamed live from St Anne's
<b>Monday 27 April – Saturday 2 May</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury	Streamed live from St Anne's (If you would like someone especially prayed for on a particular day, please let Fr Teddy know).

**Parish Community Evening Prayer**

You can now join with me and other parishioners for a short evening prayer on Wednesday evening 29 April and Friday evening 1 May at 7.00pm. This prayer will last about twenty minutes. A copy of this evening prayer will be sent out over the weekend.

To join in this prayer, you will need to be using **ZOOM**. The password for both meetings is **0YQRdf**

The ID for the meetings is: Wednesday **731 0718 1066**; for Friday 1 May the ID is **794 8917 5641**

**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/>

**Glow around the World for Myton Hospice at Princethorpe College**  
**This event will now take place on Saturday 17 October 2020**

**Sunday Collections**

In response to some inquiries, please do not worry about your financial contributions to the parish at this time. You will have much more important matters to worry about.

However some people have expressed a wish to continue contributing during this time. Details about SO and DD and Gift Aid can be found on the diocesan website. However, here are the parish details should you wish to contribute at any time: **Sort Code 60 02 35; Account number 67502784**

Understandably, in these difficult financial times is it every family's concern to ensure that money can be found for their own budgets. That must have priority.

**Sensible Precautions and No Panic**

This is to repeat what has been advised so often and let us not tire in observing these precautions, especially this fine weather weekend

**Stay at home**

**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!

We are told now to expect some more difficult weeks ahead – more difficult especially for those in the NHS. Let us be more vigilant – and prayerful.

**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**

**Bill** who is anxiously awaiting further tests this week.

**Peter** who is recovering from a bout of coronavirus.

**Wolfgang**, Chrissie's father, who died on Wednesday last week. Chrissie joined us on Zoom that evening for prayer.

**Bishop Leo McCartie** who died last week.

**Maura Bennett RIP**, mother to Fr John Bennett MSC. Maura died unexpected recently. Maura will be buried tomorrow with a very subdued graveside service.

**Anastasia**, mother to Peter Griffin, who is being cared for at home by her family.

**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 last week.

**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**

**Betty Lucas** RIP who was interred with Roy in Princethorpe cemetery recently. Betty would have loved being buried on Mary's Feast Day. Her immediate family only were present.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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 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.

**Patricia** who has received some worrying 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.

**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**