

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

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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“How good and how pleasant it is where people live together in harmony” (David - Psalm 131)

I am sure that we would all wish this sentiment to prevail in our relationships. We have, already this year, enjoyed or endured many months of unplanned domestic closeness. It is likely that we will be required, in the months ahead, to be prepared for further such closeness in our homes if covid-19 continues to expose its presence to us again. While these times afford more family time, they can also prove testing to relationships. I offer, this week, some reflections from Pope Francis that might provide food for personal reflection and for family conversation.

“You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world.

Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you.

Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author.

It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul.

It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you.

It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple.

It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes".

It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry".

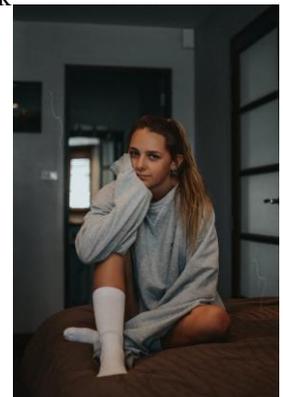
It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you".

It is to have the ability to say "I love you".

May your life become a garden of opportunities that in spring may it be a lover of **joy**.

In winter a lover of **wisdom**, and when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only

then will you be in love with life. Use *the tears to irrigate tolerance*. Use *your losses to train patience*. Use *your mistakes to sculptor serenity*.



Mass streamed live from St Anne's using fb.me/stanneswappenbury
Please see diary below for this week's timings of Mass and Prayer Services

I hope that celebrating with me for this short service gives you a feeling of community which still remains for all of us.

Sunday 13 September	9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	Wappenbury (live stream) Princethorpe Chapel Princethorpe College	See 'Re-opening'... below Heritage Day – see below Exaltation of the Holy Cross Our Lady of Sorrows Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr and St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop Blessing of the Graves (short service – weather dependent) See 'Re-opening'... below
Monday 14 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Tuesday 15 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Wednesday 16 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Thursday 17 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Friday 18 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Saturday 19 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
	10.30am	Wappenbury	
Sunday 20 September	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (live stream) Princethorpe Chapel	

Princethorpe College – Heritage Day – Janette Ratcliffe – College Archivist

Each year, we hold an open event as part of the national Heritage Open Days where we give guided tours of the College. As we are not able to do this in person this year, Alex Darkes, Assistant Head, and I have created a virtual tour where you can learn all about the fascinating history of our site. The link will be shared on the school website and across social media platforms on Sunday at 2:00pm but I wanted to share the link with you in advance.

You can explore the tour by going to <https://poly.google.com/u/0/view/a9JBrmdamFP>

It will work on both computer and mobile devices. To get the best experience, make sure you 'turn narration on' by clicking on the cog in the top right of the screen at the start of the tour and view it in full screen. We hope you enjoy this unique experience.

Forward Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 26 September	10.30am	Princethorpe Cemetery	Blessing of the Graves
Monday 2 November	7.30pm	Wappenbury (live stream)	Mass of the day for All Souls

Please note: The Blessing of the graves will be a short ten minute service and blessing followed by the opportunity to visit the graves as you wish. We must remember to be socially distanced at all times, or in your family 'bubble'. If the weather is inclement we will postpone for another time.

Both cemeteries are maintained via the parish finances and I wish to thank Mick, our gardener, for the excellent job he does on both areas. Should you wish to make a contribution, specifically towards the upkeep of the cemeteries, please get in touch.

We have been removing any dead flowers and Christmas arrangements that have deteriorated significantly in the last few weeks. All of the graves are treated with the utmost care and attention for those who are unable to visit on a regular basis.

Parish Finances

The Finance Committee meet regularly via Zoom to keep a close eye on the parish finances on behalf of you all. This year has been particularly difficult as we have been unable to have collections during the Sunday Masses. I would like to thank those of you who have managed to donate directly to me either by leaving money at the Presbytery or setting up Standing Orders or Direct Debits with the bank. DD and SO provide the advantage that you continue to contribute directly; for this, I remain grateful. 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>

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.

Together with the members of the committee we wish to present the Parish Finances Report to you for the year 2019 (**attached to this email**). They have been produced, with detailed information and retrospective columns, for the last six years to enable comparisons.

If you would like to make any comments on the Parish Finances Report please email Fr Teddy directly at fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Community Evening Prayer

The series of Evening Prayer has been very successful. I would like to thank those parishioners who were able to join me using Zoom. I intend to refresh the Evening Prayer for the month of November. Further details closer to the time.

Prayer List

If you have any amendments to the Prayer List you would like me to make please do get in touch either with myself, by using the contact details at the top of the newsletter, or with Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com. It is important in these difficult times that we think and pray for those dear to us and allow our community to pray for them too. Please let me know of any wedding anniversaries or anniversaries of death if you wish them to be remembered.

Re-Opening Of Our Churches

St Anne's will remain closed for the time being. I am grateful to Janet and Jimmy Murray who have cleaned the chandeliers prior to them being re-installed. The porch will be redecorated in the next few weeks.

Mass will be celebrated at Princethorpe at 11.00am until further notice. It is important that you arrive no later than 10.50am to enable Mass to begin at 11.00am. ***You MUST refer to the "Conditions for Attendance at Mass" on the website (and sent to all recently). There is no need to return a completed form prior to attending Mass because 'Track and Trace' sign in will operate when you arrive.*** We will continue to be obliged to honour social distancing. Your safety and mine is of paramount consideration.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

New on Facebook – Thank you Sebastien Buhour – Please Take A Look

Not only are we streaming live for daily Mass we are now using Facebook for news about the parish. Sebastien has kindly taken time to profile the parish in a more public domain. Please take time to 'like' and 'share' or indeed 'comment' the page so that as many of the wider community can enjoy the delights of our wonderful St Anne's and Princethorpe College. The link to use is <http://www.facebook.com/stanneswappenbury>

Congratulations!

Especially to Sean and Marie Kerrigan for them and their son Michael and wife Nikki on the birth of their daughter in Australia – Emma Marie Kerrigan

Princethorpe Foundation – Vacancies

Princethorpe College – Cleaner - This is a part time post for three hours a day, from noon – 3.00pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. Other working patterns, casual or a fixed term contract will be considered. Closing date Monday 14 September.

Crescent School – Rugby – Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover) - Key Stage 2 team as maternity cover, working for approximately 10 hours a week, to start as soon as possible, ideally by October 2020 –closing date Tuesday 15 September. See <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185> or call Keren Andrews for more information on 01926 634200.

Headteacher - Vacancy

Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Windmill Hill, Cublington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7LN
Number on Role: 160

The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic, vibrant and skilled Headteacher with the vision and determination to take the school on the next stage of its journey.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please telephone the school office to make an appointment or to request an application pack - 01926 424420 Closing Date: Monday 21 September 4pm - Interview Date: Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September

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

Margaret Patrick, former headteacher at Our Lady's School, whose husband died suddenly recently
David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died last week. Pray for David's wife, Sally, and Tony's family.
Fr David Bazen, Kenilworth, who fell down stairs recently and is being treated in hospital. Fr David's wife died recently.
Sue, as she begins a period of 14 days quarantine prior to her operation.
Mary and Brian Gould's niece, Elaine, whose lung cancer has reached stage four and has spread to her bones.
Young people as they begin their return to college and university.
Jim and Anne whose young baby is undergoing tests in hospital in Ireland. Hold their wider family in your prayers.
David, a young father struggling at the moment.
Bill, as he continues his recovery from six weeks of treatment. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers.
Karen, Tom and Emily as they remember.
Paul as he comes to terms with the unexpected death of his very close friend, Norman Murray on Thursday.
Anne, Denis and Karen as they struggle with family health problems.
Stephen, friend of Milena's, who has had some setbacks in his preparation for treatment.
John and Veronica as they cope with John's health.
Linda, who is waiting for further treatment after her cancer treatment.
Yvonne and Jade. Jade is quite unwell at present. Yvonne has recently retired from Our Lady's School.
School and College leadership for all the hard work they have undertaken in preparing schools and college for the return of the pupils and students.
Claire as she settles in her new home up north.
Patrick Horgan (76) RIP who died unexpectedly and peacefully recently. Hold his family in your prayers. Pray for Jo, his very close friend.
Remember also, and especially, those who have been shielding now for a long time
All those people who put the lives of others and their own lifestyles before their own in whatever branch of community life they work.
Tom who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
Sean who is unwell at present.
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 and her mother who is recovering in hospital.
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.

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.
Elizabeth and Neville Compton, sister and brother-in-law of Margaret Simmons.
Di, who is waiting for test results.
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.
Louise, suffering from various cancers.
Lucy (29), who is suffering from bacterial meningitis and is unable to digest food.
Eileen, friend of Mary Hewitt who is suffering from cancer.
Harry (23)
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.

Mildred (87) RIP (Ryton on Dunsmore)

Betty Lucas RIP

Kay RIP, aunt to Yvonne.

Antonio (80) RIP who died recently.

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