

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

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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“1984”

“Brave New World”

“Brave New World Vol 2 (Pope Francis)??”

Lockdown afforded me a wonderful opportunity to assess my library of books accumulated over 50 years of varied ministry. The books themselves had become symbols of something, I am not sure of what really. The thought of parting with them was somewhat freeing and scary at the same time. The driver was the thought that, should I depart this mortal coil, those following me would not hesitate to dispose of very many of these books, books that would have become obsolete in themselves and yet feel precious to me. Do I hear an echo among my readers this morning?!

However, among my books, two almost ‘begged’ to be retained and re-read, more so in this present coronavirus – and Trump/Putin - climate. Those books were Huxley’s “Brave New World” (1932) and Orwell’s “1984” (1949). I ‘dipped into’ each again. Both write of an imagined world in which people lead somewhat dehumanised lives. “For Orwell, what we hate will ruin us while for Huxley what we love will ruin us”. In this de-humanised world, sex is seen as a distraction and a source of entertainment and there is a prophetic sense of separation of sex from reproduction. There is further a sense of ignoring truth before our very eyes lest it become true for us – the post modernism of Pope Benedict - while a dominating economic model of society was far from their minds. And there is what Huxley calls “disassociated happiness” wherein strong feels are discouraged. As in the modern answer to “how are you?” which is met with “I’m fine”! They wrote of a “building of only 34 stories” and a “clock that strikes 13”, enough to inspire shock and horror at the time.

In their vision, humanity was facing a future world tranquillised by pleasure and drugs. It was a depressing future indeed, if future it was. In *Brave New World* promiscuity is not just normal, it is actively encouraged; total frankness in all aspects of sexuality, ditto. “Sex is a distraction and a source of entertainment, almost a drug”. Huxley would “have looked at our world of dating apps and sexualised mass entertainment — and perhaps especially shows such as Love Island and Naked Attraction — and awarded his predictions a solid A+”.

We glance around our world now. Lock down and fear afford us time and opportunity. New and strange experiences impose themselves upon us. President Trump embodies the insight that “given a willingness to lie without compunction, norms of veracity can be abolished with extraordinary speed”. It is one of the central demands of the Party, in Orwell’s book, that you “reject the evidence of your eyes and ears”. Trump put that maxim into effect on his very first day in office, with “his insistence that people ignore the evidence of their senses about his Inauguration Day crowds”.

Are we then facing a really “New World” whether brave or otherwise? While we are drawn to want the “present world” to remain, we are faced with a reality that it will never be the same again – and we will want to oppose this with all our ‘limited’ might.

Are we then, in the words of Mark Zuckerberg, in a world in which “young people are just smarter” and in which “we haven’t any use for old things” . Must all be new and pleasing and devoid of pain? Or can we envisage a world espoused by Pope Francis in his “Laudati Si” encyclical (2015) and in his forth coming encyclical “Fratelli Tutti” (“All Brothers”) to be signed in Assisi on 3 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, in which he considers the entire creation as one family. And in so doing he challenges the status quo of practically every nation and political and financial system worldwide. Is his encyclical letter of 3 October a “Brave New World Mark 2”? I sense it will be. Yet with Orwell and Huxley, it may be sometime before it is ‘real’.

I apologise here for my very limited knowledge (and perhaps misunderstanding) of Orwell and Huxley – and indeed of Pope Francis’ teaching. Yet I ask: what do you think, and what is this “Brave New World Mark XX?” that you desire, want and hope for? If you do not know, it may never come into being. If you do know, perhaps you can help to create it and perhaps without you, it never will be.

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 20 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Remembering those who are ill or soon to be in hospital for treatment. Conditions For Attending Mass – see below. St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
	11.00am	Princethorpe Chapel	
Monday 21 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	St Pio de Pietrelcina Our Lady of Walsingham St Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Blessing of the Graves (short service – weather dependent)
Tuesday 22 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Wednesday 23 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Thursday 24 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Friday 25 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 26 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	10.30am	Princethorpe Cemetery	
Sunday 27 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Conditions For Attending Mass – see below
	11.00am	Princethorpe Chapel	

Conditions For Attending Mass At Princethorpe On Sunday – VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

As the spread of coronavirus – Covid 19 – appears to be intensifying, I print here the precautions to be noted when attending Mass in St Anne's parish.

- **Any person:-**
 - who has experienced any of the reported symptoms of Covid-19 – high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell, persistent 'new' cough - during the seven days prior to coming to church, **MUST NOT attend Mass**
 - who are shielding **MUST NOT attend Mass.**
 - sharing accommodation with a shielding person must exercise particular caution.
1. **Social distancing**
 - Numbers attending will be limited to take account of social distancing maintaining a strict 2m distance in all directions.
 - Should you wish to attend Mass you will be asked to complete a registration information list on entry to the Chapel. This information could be used to inform the government 'Track and Trace' system under GDPR guidelines.
 2. **On Arrival**
 - Please park using alternate parking bays, maintaining social distancing while walking from car to church door and queue as required, whilst continuing to maintain a 2m distance.
 - You will be expected to be seated by 10.50am so please arrive early to allow our Stewards to TAKE YOU IN to seat you in the chapel. While all church doors will remain open, you are discouraged from entering after 10.50am.
 - Your temperature will be checked at the bottom of the steps by the stewards and IF found to be outside the norm, you will be REFUSED entry. You must understand that this will not be a matter for discussion.
 - On entry to the church, you must sanitise your hands with the sanitiser provided, using the 'twice happy birthday routine'. A quick rub of the hands is insufficient.
 - You WILL be required to wear face covering THROUGHOUT the entire Mass except to receive communion in the hand.
 3. **During Mass**
 - You and your family members MUST remain in your allocated seat throughout the Mass.
 - Children must not wander from the family's allocated seat.
 - The priest will bring communion to you at your seat with your arm at full stretch, the priest will drop the host into your hand with his arm at full stretch.
 - Should any contact accidentally occur the Priest will immediately pause to sanitise his hands before continuing to distribute communion as there will be no extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist and no receiving from the chalice.

4. Safeguarding our Parishioners

- A. if you are elderly (over 70) and/or if you have some particular health concern, either yourself or someone with whom you are sharing accommodation, you should consult **(i)** your spouse and family, and **(ii)** your medical team if you wish to attend Mass. Please be guided by their advice to you.
- B. if you are elderly (over 70) and/or if you have some particular health concern, please inform me if you intend to be present - a simple email or message on my mobile phone will do. This will help me to make the necessary arrangements for your safety.

In short: Please arrive no later than 10.50am to allow time to a) check temperature; b) sanitise hands; c) arrange face covering; d) sign Track and Trace; e) be escorted to your seat. This really is a very simple matter - please do not be anxious about it.

Please note:

- Toilets will REMAIN CLOSED; those who may have difficulties in this matter or children who may require use of a toilet – must not attend.
- There will be NO singing and the usual newsletters will be sent out by email prior to the Mass. Those without access to email should ask Fr Teddy for a paper copy at their convenience.
- You are NOT to enter the sanctuary or the sacristy from inside or outside the building. Fr Teddy will prepare for Mass and tidy up after Mass in this area therefore only the Reader may enter the Sanctuary.
- The balcony is **out of bounds** and will only be used at the discretion of the stewards and with permission from Fr Teddy.

5. At the end of Mass

- You must remain in your allocated seat until you are instructed by the attending Stewards to leave in an orderly manner.
- You must then leave directly without delay or conversation with others maintaining social distancing. Exit will essentially be the reverse of entry procedure. The two Rear doors of the Church will be CLOSED to prevent both entry and exit.

Please note:

- There is no offertory procession or Children's' Liturgy.
- There will be no 'cash' collection during Mass itself but there will be a 'basket' available, next to the lectern, for anyone to make a donation as they leave the Church, should you wish to 'Support the Parish'.
- Finally, there will be NO refreshments after Mass and you must not delay, outside in the car park, if there is ANY risk that social distancing will be violated.

6. MOST IMPORTANTLY

- Should anyone become ill during Mass, we ask you to please remain in your seat and signal to one of the Stewards who will then escort you from the Church to a safe area.
- Should anyone become ill and show Covid symptoms in the seven days following the Mass then **YOU MUST** (i) contact 111 Healthcare 'Track and Trace' and (ii) inform them of your attendance at Mass, providing them with the date, chapel and time of the Mass and provide them with Fr Teddy's details in order for the Authorities to 'track and trace' the other parishioners attending the Mass.

Thank You for your continued prayers, patience and understanding

Forward Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 26 September	10.30am	Princethorpe Cemetery	Blessing of the Graves
Monday 2 November	7.30pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	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.

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. This can now be viewed on the parish website. The report has 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>

Headteacher - Vacancy

Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Windmill Hill, Cubbington, 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

Colette Jones, sister-in-law of Keren Andrews, member of staff at Princethorpe College, who is waiting for treatment.
Anne who is very anxious at present.
Sue, as she continues a period of 14 days quarantine prior to her operation next week.
David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died recently. 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.
Mary and Brian Gould's niece, Elaine, whose lung cancer has reached stage four and has spread to her bones.
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.
Margaret Patrick, former headteacher at Our Lady's School, whose husband died suddenly recently
Paul as he comes to terms with the unexpected death of his very close friend, Norman Murray, last week.
Young people as they begin their return to college and university.
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 receiving further attention after her cancer treatment.
Parishioners who have been diagnosed with coronavirus.
Yvonne and Jade. Jade is quite unwell at present. Yvonne has recently retired from Our Lady's School.
Members of the medical profession as they prepare for another possible 'spike'.who have died.
Peter Power and family.
Karen, Tom and Emily as they remember.
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.
Alice, sister to Jimmy Murray, who has been ill and is now recovering at home.

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