

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

27 September 2020

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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“We chose our next world through what we learn in this one”

(Sullivan in 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull').

Thousands of young adults are gathering at our universities during these weeks when Covid-19 is again 'loose' among us. And, even as they congregate, with all their expectations of hosting 'Fresher's Week' or participating in it for the first time, I am reminded of my six wonderful years as a university chaplain in Birmingham. These were life changing years for me as I was shown a new way of life, freed from the clericalism of my years of seminary training. Here I began to choose a new world in which to live and grow, a world with new freedoms and new responsibilities.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull (JLS) was born into a world where life, he was told, was 'to get from shore to food and back'. For JLS, however, it was not food that mattered but flying. And to achieve his ambition and to test the limits of his ambition, he had to resist the culture of the flock, even the persuasive voice of his mother, "why is it so hard to be like the rest of the flock....why don't you just eat, Jon?"

Jon paid a heavy price for his ambition, for his difference. Shamed and then isolated from the flock, he had no home. His achievements remained unacknowledged until, late in life, his elder instructor, Sullivan, sowed deep questions in Jon's soul. "Do you have any idea how many lives we must have gone through before we even get the first idea that there is more to life than eating, or fighting, or power in the Flock?"

Not only our young adults but all of us could listen well to that question. Our young adults did not choose to be isolated so early in their academic career, nor to hear, so early, that they may not be allowed home for Christmas. Like Jon, they will dream of a world different to the one presented to them – a world of real beauty and possibility, a world of almost limitless choice, yet tarnished by so much power and greed and pleasure. They must, and will, hear what Sullivan said to Jon as Jon aged: "you have less fear of learning than any gull I've seen in ten thousand years"

Our workforce did not choose to 'work from home'. Our children did not choose to be educated in 'bubbles'. Neither did our grandchildren choose to be deprived of being 'spoiled' by grandparents. And our churches did not choose to be places where caution impacts negatively on real devotion, 'real presence' and genuine community.

And we are told to expect another six months - at least. "We chose our next world through what we learn in this one", the wise instructor said to Jon. Covid-19 must not limit the 'flight' of our children or our young adults. Covid-19 must not limit their imagination nor our vision. Chiang, the Elder gull of Jon's new flock in the world of heaven, is empowered by his age rather than enfeebled by it like so many of the ageing gulls in his former flock. Like Chiang, age will empower us when reflected upon in solitude. Like Jon, our young people will learn the dangers of 'flying' too high and 'travelling' too fast. But they will learn *only* by 'flying too high' and 'travelling too fast', as we, hopefully, continue to learn.

Sullivan is indeed wise. His observation is universal. "We went from one world into another that was almost exactly like it, forgetting right away where we had come from, not caring where we are headed...". Surely we can heed Sullivan's wisdom. Surely we can emulate Jon's courage. Like Jon, I hope to continue to learn the new ways of 'flying' that I learned first from the young adults while sharing their lives at university many years ago.

What about you?

**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 27 September	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Princethorpe Chapel	There are very strict conditions in place for attending Mass – see the website
Monday 28 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	St Wenceslaus, Martyr & Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday 29 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels – Fr Sean O'Brien (94th birthday)
Wednesday 30 September	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Paul Gandy (90 th birthday) Basil's Father RIP (ann)
Thursday 1 October	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Friday 2 October	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	St Terese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church Loretta and Paul Curtis (44 th wedding anniversary)
Saturday 3 October	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sunday 4 October	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 11.00am MASS AT PRINCETHORPE ON SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER			

Forward Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2 November	7.30pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass of the Day for All Souls
Wednesday 4 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via <i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer for Month of November
Wednesday 11 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via <i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer for Month of November
Wednesday 18 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via <i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer for Month of November
Wednesday 25 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via <i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer for Month of November

NOTE: The ID and Passcode for the Zoom sessions in November will be issued on Sunday 1 November

Parish Finances and recent Finance Report for 2019

The Finance Committee meet regularly via Zoom to keep a close eye on the parish finances on behalf of you all. As you can imagine this year has been particularly difficult and will continue to be so for some time to come.

If you would like to make any comments on the Parish Finances Report or discuss how you can help in anyway please email Fr Teddy directly at fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk or phone any time.

Thank you to everyone who is managing to continue with financial support to the parish. It is hugely appreciated.

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 – No Mass available at St Anne’s –
Live Stream from St Anne’s via Facebook every day at 9.30am**

Mass will be celebrated at Princethorpe at 11.00am until further notice **except for Sunday 4 October** – Princethorpe College have an Open Day and will need access to the church from 10.00am. Due to Covid-19 conditions we are unable to share the Chapel for this event.

There are strict instructions for attendance at Mass in place – they **MUST** be observed at all times. See website for information.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Thank you Sebastien Buhour For The Parish On Facebook!

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>

Princethorpe College Open Day – Sunday 4 October 2020

This event will take place between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Sunday 4 October 2020.

The day will be split into three hour-long sessions and visitors will be asked **to book a specific session** so that numbers can be managed and College can adhere to government guidelines.

This event is aimed at families who have not had the chance to visit the College previously and have a prospective pupil for Year 7 to 10 specifically interested in September 2021 entry. A maximum of two family members will be able to attend with the prospective pupil.

Please book using <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/open-event-at-princethorpe-college> or contact Vanessa Rooney, Registrar or Helen Morgan and Catherine Rogers, Admissions Team on 01926 634201– don’t delay as places are filling up quickly.

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

Sue, as she recovers from her operation yesterday. Hold Sue’s family in your prayers.

Anne, Denis and Karen as they cope with health difficulties.

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.

Colette Jones, sister-in-law of Keren Andrews, member of staff at Princethorpe College, who is waiting an operation in mid October.

Anne who is very anxious at present.

Bill, as he continues his recovery from six weeks of treatment. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers.

Tom who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died recently. The funeral was held on Friday. 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.

Paul as he comes to terms with the unexpected death of his very close friend, Norman Murray, last week. Norman’s funeral is delayed.

Young people as they begin their return to college and university.

Stephen, friend of Milena’s, who has had some setbacks in his preparation for treatment.

Margaret Patrick, former headteacher at Our Lady’s School, whose husband died suddenly recently

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’, and those 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.

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 further tests.

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 John, 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