

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

15 November 2020

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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“We wish you a merry Christmas.....”

I hear that this lock-down is different from the first one and so it is. It is shorter (we hope). It is during the colder weather and we are less confined to home. It is also near Christmas and we so want to celebrate Christmas, rightly so, so we try this time to behave!

Our retailers are suffering now with the serious decrease in footfall. Our on-line shopping increases. I sense an expectation that we must not allow our Christmas and our Christmas present-giving to be impacted upon by coronavirus. Yet I believe that it must be and we must not let this opportunity to pass us by.

Our planning for it must begin as early as would our shopping expeditions. Perhaps you have already ‘done’ your Christmas shopping! Yet, our under pinning motivation can and must be different. I really hope that we will be less concerned over what we give to whomsoever is on our ‘list’. And that we will do this because coronavirus teaches us so much - about the brevity of life, our human need for companionship, our oft-forgotten duty of gratitude, our sense of values, the inherent goodness in men and women and more, much more.

Those who have been ill with the virus realise the fragility of health as well as the wonderful sense of being fully alive. Those who have been bereaved are acutely aware of the fact that death does not make an appointment. Those who have engaged in the mammoth task of caring for virus stricken men and women of all ages, together with the experiences of the ‘unprepared for’ deaths of so many and the depth of grief accompanying that, realise all of this.

Yes. This lock down is different and it can be so different for us that we will emerge transformed people. Transformed by realising that we already possess all that matters in life. That those given to us as companions in life are truly gifts to be treasured. That our surprised carers are truly God-sent and not ‘fly by night do gooders’ but people filled with an enormous sense of what it means to share humanity with so many others - others we, perhaps, have not previously known. That life, my life, your life, is time bound, to be lived now to the full and not as a rehearsal for the return of ‘the normal’ in some imagined ‘future tomorrow’, some imagined Christmas that will make it all ‘go away’.

The USA election, the confusion in No 10, the massacre in Ethiopia, the recent IICSA report, the mammoth debt being incurred, not just in UK but worldwide (ever wondered to whom all this money is owed?), the death of Peter Sutcliffe and more - as we look ahead to Christmas and as we hope for some kind of a ‘normal’ Christmas, just where can we look for and find that ‘peace on earth to women and men of good cheer?’. Is the coronavirus so powerful that it can knock humanity off its perch or were we already knocked off it without realising it?

A transformed Christmas will emerge from transformed people. Transformed people will (suddenly) realise true value as opposed to cost. Our Christmas giving will be to honour the other, to give a hope that is certain and based only on the covenant of God’s unconditional love expressed in the birth of one little child. A transformed Christmas will express gratitude, perhaps for something the other has been unaware of giving. A transformed Christmas will be a sharing Christmas, a sharing of substance as well as of surplus. A transformed Christmas will provide, in abundance, “peace on earth (where we live) to people of good cheer”.

There are now 38 (shopping) days to Christmas. Will you be transformed in time, do you think?

*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 15 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Monday 16 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude, Virgin & St Edmund of Abington, Bishop Danny and Mary Moynihan RIP
Tuesday 17 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	St Elizabeth, married woman, Religious & St Hilda, abbess & St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Wednesday 18 November	9.30am 7.00pm	Wappenbury (live stream) Via Zoom – see information in Diary Dates	The Dedication of the Basilica Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles
Thursday 19 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Friday 20 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Saturday 21 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 22 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE FOUR WEEK LOCKDOWN THERE WILL BE NO 11.00AM MASS AT PRINCETHORPE UNTIL AT LEAST SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER			

Forward Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 18 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via Zoom Zoom ID:750 8682 1120 Zoom password: PabUF4	Evening Prayer for Month of November
Wednesday 25 November	7.00pm	Wappenbury via Zoom	Evening Prayer for Month of November

Parish Finances

If you would like to discuss how you can help in any way with the parish finances please talk to one of the Finance Committee or by emailing Fr Teddy directly at fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk

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

Prayer List – Would You Like Any Amendments Or Additions?

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, anniversaries of death and any significant birthdays – we would love to share our prayers with you on that day.

St Anne's Church

I am working hard to see if it would be at all possible to re-open St Anne's with limited numbers and how that could be managed in a very safe way. Especially I am preparing for Advent and Christmas celebrations. I will keep you informed as to Mass in church (when this is permitted), any additional Masses (in church or streamed) and availability of Holy Communion during the Advent and Christmas period. The limitation we have is the size of the Chapel to accommodate safe social distancing. Please be assured that if there is anything that can be arranged I will let you know as soon as possible.

Holy Communion For Those Who Cannot Attend Mass and for Those Sharing Streamed Mass Daily

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to take communion to our house bound parishioners. I will explain the details to all those interested so that everyone is safe. If anyone else would like to come forward please let me know. Let me know if you would like to have communion at home during lock down.

**Re-Opening Of Our Churches – Currently No Parish Mass Available At St Anne’s or Princethorpe College
Live Stream From St Anne’s Via Facebook – See Diary For Weekly Information**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Teaching at Princethorpe

If you are interested in teaching opportunities at Princethorpe College why not take a look at our new Teaching at Princethorpe College brochure, please click [here](#).

Our next Taste of Teaching at Princethorpe event will take place on **Wednesday 20 January 2021**. Further details will follow shortly.

The Parish Is On Facebook! Yes Really! Come On Check It Out! - Thank you Sebastien Buhour

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>

Headline news – We have reached 100 ‘followers’!

Walk With Me – Advent Edition

I have copies of the Advent Edition of Walk With Me. Please let me know if you would like one and I will send it to you.

IICSA November 2020

This report, published last week, is a stark reminder to us, if one was needed, that very many people, during their formative years, have suffered terribly at the hands of abusers within this Archdiocese and elsewhere throughout the UK. Many, still living, carry this suffering with them every day of their lives. It is a pain that time rarely heals.

While we await the response from the UK hierarchy, we will pray for those who carry this pain around with them. Pray with me that those so suffering will attain that peace in their hearts that they so long for.

Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers This Week – Let Us Not Tire Of Praying

Bill who is experience ongoing pain-filled difficulties. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers

Alice, Jim Murray’s sister, who is back in hospital and quite ill.

Chris Peake RIP (71), former caretaker of Our Lady’s School, Princethorpe, who died recently. Please pray for Chris's family.

Stuart Cartwright (76), brother of Sandra Waddoups who is very ill. Hold Stuart and wife and Sandra in your prayers.

Paula whose mother died recently in Dublin. Paula is secretary to our MSC Provincial, Fr Carl.

Joseph 14, who has a long standing illness and is now receiving treatment in hospital.

Sue, as she recovers from her operation. Hold Sue and family in your prayers and she is receiving further treatment.

Angela, friend of Mary Rogers, seriously ill in UHCW; grandmother to new granddaughter.

Jo who is waiting for treatment

Marlene who is awaiting the results of recent tests and waiting for a course of treatment.

Di, whose most recent results have brought good news.

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

Tom who thanks you for your prayers. His treatment is ended at this time.

Ron, father to a friend of Yvonne, who died from Covid recently.

Kate Tennant, friend of Loretta, who is seriously ill in Myton Hospice. Please pray for Kate and her family.

Alice whose Lupus has returned.

Linda, who is receiving further attention after her cancer treatment.

Mary and Brian Gould’s niece, Elaine, whose lung cancer has reached stage four and has spread to her bones.

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.

John Deery (RIP) John was a faithful member of the parish community who regularly attended St Anne's.

Augustine RIP (19 years old) who has died following a 10m fall from a tree in Northern France. Sebastien, Carolina and family ask for your prayers for Augustine’s family.

Marie, long standing friend of Mary Gould who has died.

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. Colette’s operation has been successful and wishes to thank you for all the prayers.

Anne who is very anxious at present.

Tom, Fr Teddy’s brother-in-law, whose sister died recently in Ireland

Norman, very dear friend of Paul and Fen Whittle, whose funeral service was held recently. Keep Paul and Norman’s family in your prayers.

Members of the medical profession as they manage the current ‘spike’ in Covid-19 cases, and those who have died.

Denis and Kate McDaid as they mourn the recent death of Bridie Gallagher, Denis’s aunt in Ireland. One of eleven children – Bridie is the last member of the maternal side of the family.

Peter Power and family.

School and College leadership for all the hard work in keeping their students safe.

David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died recently

Fr David Bazen, Kenilworth, who is improving at home after an accident.

Melanie, a young girl who struggles with identity. Pray for her family and friends as they present support.

Young people as they struggle with hopeful return home for Christmas.

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

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.

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.

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 has recovered well from her operation and is now at home.

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.

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

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