

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

22 November 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year A

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"A Nation's Greatness Is Measured By How It Treats Its Weakest Members" (Various)

I chose this quotation (author unsure) to remind us, on this great feast day of Jesus Christ Universal King, of the chasm between the culture of 2020 and that proposed by Jesus Christ. His overt condemnation of those who 'harm the little ones' leaves us in no doubt about this divide. The hope that we must retain, especially in times of great difficulty, disappointment and scandal is that "God, who has begun a good work in us, will not fail to bring it to completion" (Paul to Philipians 1:6). The kingdom of Jesus Christ is one of Justice, Love and Peace and unconditional love, especially for the most vulnerable.

I attach a letter from Archbishop Bernard together with references to recent reports on child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in England and Wales over a 50 year period. It is right that you should see them and I encourage you to read them. Each makes for very heavy reading. Each may induce strong emotional responses. You can read them on the archdiocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/statement-on-safeguarding-from-the-bishops-conference> or on St Anne's, Wappenbury website stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com

Abused people – however we may describe them or however they may describe themselves, whether as 'victims', 'survivors' or otherwise - endure lifelong feelings of shame, anger, being unheard, ignored, unseen, belittled and more, in great intensity. These remain their lifelong companions. Abused people tell me, however, that what they seek, in the depth of their being, is true peace, "a peace the world cannot give" (John 14:27), however that might be realised. Such a peace for them remains elusive. It is for this peace for them that I pray today in Mass and it is for this that I ask you to pray with me.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Bishops of England and Wales have met in prayer and dialogue to respond to the final IICSA Report into the Catholic Church. The report shows institutional failures on the part of the Church which failed to keep the vulnerable safe from abuse and failed to offer compassionate responses to those who suffered. It is with shame and profound sorrow that we recognise these failures and accept our need for a change of heart. Our first thoughts and prayers must always be for those who have suffered. In their terrible suffering we must also recognise that they are our best teachers on how to improve.

The bishops have also responded to the Elliot Report. This independent review and report was commissioned by the bishops to recommend changes that are necessary to ensure best practice in safeguarding in the Church at every level. Victims/Survivors of abuse in the Church have played a crucial role in presenting the bishops with these necessary recommendations. The bishops have accepted and will implement all the recommendations contained in both the Elliot and the IICSA Reports.

Safeguarding is the work of all of us in the Church. I wish to thank all the volunteers and clergy in our parishes who help to ensure that they are safe places for all-comers. The IICSA Report acknowledges the vast improvements over the last 20 years in safeguarding practices. The acceptance and implementation of the Elliott Review recommendations will help us all improve further. The Bishops' Conference, under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent, is committed to improve our practices and our responses to those who have suffered.

Abuse has no place in the Church. The Archdiocese will always report allegations to and co-operate fully with the police and statutory agencies. I invite anyone who has suffered abuse to contact the police or if appropriate to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org.

I would encourage you to read the Bishops Statement in full.

Thank you for your prayers for all those who have suffered abuse, within and beyond the Church, as well as for Cardinal Vincent and the bishops at this important moment.

With my prayers and every kind wish.

Yours devotedly in Christ"

+ Bernard

**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 22 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
Monday 23 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Libby Legge birthday (16) St Clement 1, Pope, Martyr & St Columban, Abbot, Missionary
Tuesday 24 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Ss Andrew Dūng-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday 25 November	9.30am 7.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Via Zoom – see information in Diary Dates	St Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday 26 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Friday 27 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 28 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Veronica and John Dobie (50 th anniversary)
Sunday 29 November	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	First Sunday of Advent
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 25 November (last prayer meeting for November)	7.00pm	Wappenbury via <i>Zoom</i> Zoom ID:750 8682 1120 Zoom password: PabUF4	Evening Prayer for Month of November
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Parish Finances

The Finance Committee has been working hard to review the finances of the parish particularly given the circumstances of this very difficult year.

Those of you who donate by Standing Order will receive a letter in the next week. The letter will outline the current and on-going situation regarding the levies. There will be a short and easy questionnaire to complete and return to Fr Teddy via a stamped addressed envelope.

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.

**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.

St Anne's Church

I am constantly considering the celebration of Mass for the Advent and Christmas period. 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.

Mass At Christmas

It would greatly help my thoughts about attendance numbers at Mass on Christmas Eve at either 5.00pm (Family Mass) or 9.00pm at Princethorpe if you would contact Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com or 07951 256796 expressing an interest in attending one of the Masses. You need to be aware that any celebration will be subject to the prevailing government guidelines and parish protocol as sent to you prior to the re-opening of churches in early August. Please indicate your intention before Monday 7 December. Please do not imagine the numbers that might wish to attend (you may be put off if you think that too many will apply) - I will manage the numbers to keep all safe and I will accommodate as many as distancing will allow on a first come, first served basis and with all the health and safety measures currently in place.

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.

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.

Shoe-Box Appeal Update

Pam Hopwood and the team would like to thank you all most sincerely for the wonderful amount of work and effort that has gone into supporting the appeal. The grand total of 2812 boxes will be delivered before Christmas to communities across the Eastern area of Romania and areas in Moldova.

If anyone is able to make a final donation to the transport costs (each box costs £2.50) please leave an envelope marked 'Pam Hopwood' with Fr Teddy.

Teaching At Princethorpe And Vacancy

Graduate Sports Coach – We have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic Sports Science Graduate to join the thriving Sports Department at Princethorpe College. Please see <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1753> for more details or call 01926 634200 for more details. Closing date Monday 30 November 2020.

Teaching at Princethorpe College - 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.

Spreading Our News

Do you know anyone who would like to receive our newsletter by email? Please ask them to contact me and I would be delighted to add their details to my records.

Are you willing to deliver a copy of the newsletter to those who do not have internet? Please let me know.

The Parish Is On Facebook! Yes Really! Come On Check It Out! Please- 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 recently, 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.

You can read here the response from Archbishop Bernard.

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.

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