

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

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Second Sunday of Advent
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Year B

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*"The difference between a person and an angel is easy.
Most of an angel is on the inside and most of a person is on the outside" (Flynn 1974)*

I do hope that you liked Koko last week and I hope, as well, that if you did, you might let me know sometime how you got along with him. He is still the parish cat and wondering now what all the fuss is about, what with straw and sheep and more being brought into the church. Anyway, I'll have more to tell you about him later on but this week, I want to introduce you to my friend Anna. Actually, she is Flynn's friend but he's happy to share Anna with me and you.

Anna's story starts, like everything else about Anna, in a strange way. Her story starts at the end. You see, Anna died young: *"she never made eight years. She died by accident. She died with a grin on her face. She died saying: 'I bet Mister God lets me get into heaven for this'". And I bet he did!*

You see, Anna loved people - to be known by them and to know them. With one big difference: she demanded to be known from the inside first. And now, for a short moment, think: is not that what you want too, to be known from the inside first? Because, you see, the outside cushions us or blinds us or protects us from knowing each other from the inside out, does it not?

Anna, during her short life, could never understand this because she knew that the shape of the outside did not usually match the shape of the inside. And she knew, as well, that the real shape was inside. Anna never feared letting the inside be seen because she knew the truth always rested inside. All the rest, all the outside, she knew was either pretence (for her) or illusion (for you). Anna really was a smart girl.

And if you stay with me for the next couple of weeks, I will let Anna show you her real inside and how she had such a smashing relationship with Mister God - that was the affectionate name she had for what grownups call God. Anna knew that grownups so often connect with her Mister God only on the outside. She knew deep down just what Mister God wanted - to know Anna and to be known by Anna from the inside out. That's why she was so free.

You see, yet again: Anna knew - she just knew, smart girl that she was - that when the inside did not match the outside or, if you like, the outside did not match the inside, Mister God would not like it. Anna knew that. And she knew as well that, when people let that happen or make it happen, she just knew that people can so easily get hurt. Especially people who cannot look after themselves.

There's another piece following in this week's newsletter that shows you just how this can happen and how hurtful it really can be.

So if you would like to know more about Anna - and Koko - keep coming back. They both have something to teach us both.

Are you listening, then?

Message to Parishioners

On 22 November 2020, I shared with you the following information concerning the IICSA and I encouraged you then to read the full Report. I realised that it was heavy and difficult reading. I never dreamt that Archbishop Bernard would, so soon afterwards, need to write to us again – below. I concur with the archbishop in his sense of shame and regret that young people yet again retain memories of such painful experiences from their youth. Pray again with me today that they will gain peace.

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.

Full copies of all elements of the Report are available on the parish website using the tab 'Independent Review of Safeguarding'

Pray with me that those so suffering will attain that peace in their hearts that they so long for.

Message to Clergy and Parishioners From His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you with deep regret and a sense of shame. Sadly, I need to inform you that following a criminal trial a priest of our Archdiocese, Fr. Joseph Quigley, has been found guilty of serious offences against a child victim. The offences took place between 2006 and 2009. Fr. Quigley has been remanded in custody facing sentence in January.

Our first response must be prayers for those who have suffered as a consequence of Fr. Quigley's actions. I thank those who have come forward to give evidence for their courage in testifying. All of us in the church are called to care for others. The abuse of trust by a priest adds to our feelings of horror and revulsion towards the criminal actions that have been proved in this case.

The Archdiocese became aware of allegations in 2012 that eventually led to this trial. The Archdiocese informed the police and statutory authorities of the allegations then. Fr. Quigley was removed from public ministry and has not been in public ministry since 2012. The Archdiocese has co-operated fully with the police, with the statutory authorities and with the trial process. I assure you, the Archdiocese will always co-operate fully with statutory agencies and the police with regard to allegations of abuse.

Fr. Quigley will now face church disciplinary processes that acknowledge the seriousness of his offences. These terrible events will be a shock to everybody but especially to those who have known Fr. Quigley. Please be assured of my prayers for all who are affected by this news.

I also pray for Fr. Quigley and for those who are close to him. Justice must be done but that does not stop us following our Lord in ministering to those who have done serious wrong.

Above all, though, I pray for those who have suffered because of abuse and I would invite you to do the same.

The Archdiocese is committed to best practice in safeguarding, offering a compassionate response to victims/survivors of abuse. All who have suffered or may be suffering abuse are encouraged to report the matter to the police and, if appropriate, to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or by email: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

Please be assured of my continued prayers and my kindest wishes as Advent unfolds.

Yours devotedly in Christ,



Archbishop Bernard Longley"

04 December 2020

**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.

Have you thought of inviting someone to join with you at one of the streamed Masses thought the week?

Sunday 6 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Second Sunday of Advent Offertory Mass for Kate Tennant RIP Second collection for Poor Parishes Covid-19 restrictions apply
	11.00am	Princethorpe	
Monday 7 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary
Tuesday 8 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) (MSC Feast Day)	
Wednesday 9 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Thursday 10 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Friday 11 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 5 December	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 6 December	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Princethorpe	Fred Spears RIP– Loretta's father (14 th anniversary)

Forward Dates For Your Diary

Monday 14 December	7.00pm	Princethorpe College (Virtually)	Carol Service – Readings and Carols See information below
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Join In A Virtual Carol Service From Princethorpe College – Monday 14 December At 7.00pm

As we are unable to come together with St John's and Fr Hugh at either of our churches it would be wonderful, if you would spend an hour listening to and enjoying the music and Christmas Readings from Princethorpe College.

This year, for the first time, we have the opportunity to join with pupils of the College in a virtual Carol Service. The College have kindly given us the link to register your interest in this event. You need to register your interest prior to the event.

Feel free to register at <https://connect.princethorpe.co.uk/event/virtual-carol-service> and the video will be shared with you on Monday 14 December.

St Anne's Church

During Advent, I will continue to stream morning Mass from Wappenbury. As soon as government regulations permit, I will make provision for a limited number of parishioners to attend daily Mass here with me. I will keep you informed. During the Advent and Christmas period, please let me know if you would like Holy Communion brought to you at your home.

Have you thought of inviting someone to join with you at one of the Masses that are streamed every day at 9.30am?

Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Remember To Express Your Interest As Soon As Possible

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 Chapel** 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 **Wednesday 9 December**. Please do not be put off for fear of too many people applying to attend. 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

Re-Opening Of Our Churches – Currently No Parish Mass Available At St Anne's

Live Stream From St Anne's Via Facebook – See Diary For Weekly Information

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Parish Finances

If you have received a letter regarding our Standing Order please return the Options Form as soon as possible – **Note** - there was an error in one of the account numbers. If you have not received an email or a letter from me about this please get in touch. Completing the form will help to ensure that we have a record of your wishes regarding your donations.

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.

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.

Vacancies At Princethorpe College

Development Database Assistant - We are looking for a Development Database Assistant to assist with the successful planning and implementation of campaigns for the Foundation's Development Office. The role will initially be on a fixed-term basis until the end of March 2021, with the possibility for an extension thereafter. Current initiatives include the Science+ Campaign and a telephone fundraising campaign. The role is offered on a part-time basis, ideally working 20 hours a week over five days.

Salary from £8.82 - £9.74 per hour/ £17,191.01 - £20,714.11 full time equivalent (B17 – C7 on the Princethorpe Foundation salary scale) by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. Closing date Tuesday 5 January 2021.

For further details and an application form visit:

<https://www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us?vacancyid=1756> or call 01926 634269 (Keren Andrews)

Lunchtime Supervisors – Monday to Friday 12.00pm to 2.00pm – term time only – initially on a temporary basis but could become permanent - Closing date Tuesday 5 January 2021

From £8.82 - £9.50 per hour (B17 – C5 on the Princethorpe Foundation salary scale) by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience.

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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! - 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>

We Need More Followers – Spread The Word

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.

Handcrafted Charity Christmas Decorations

Would you like to support a small charity, struggling to find new ways to sell their products during the pandemic? They sell beautiful and unique decorations gifts handmade by a group of women in the shanty towns around Lima, Peru. All monies raised will go directly to feed their families this Christmas.

Do take a look @handmadeperuvianhandicrafts on Facebook to order
Or email peruviancrafts90@gmail.com to request a leaflet of products.

By buying these handmade goods you are directly supporting the poor. With your purchase children will be fed and medicines bought for those who rely on our help. Thank you (Aid for Chad and Peru Reg. Charity 328051)

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

Bill who is experiencing serious difficulties at present. He is awaiting another scan to see what further treatment can be offered. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers

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

Alice, David and Sonia's daughter. Alice is in hospital again. There is no certainty yet that it is the return of her Lupus. Please hold Alice, James and family in your prayers.

Jo who is recovering from her operation last week.

Kate Tennant RIP, friend of Loretta, who died last Sunday evening. The funeral will be held on Wednesday 9 December at St Marie's, Rugby at 1.30pm. Invited guests only into the church due to Covid. Please pray for Kate and her family.

Angela RIP, who died recently. Angela was a close friend of Mary Rogers.

Geraldine RIP, close friend of Jane and Tony Phayer, who died recently. Geraldine's funeral service will be on Wednesday 16 December. Invited guests only please at Princethorpe College Chapel.

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

Stuart Cartwright (76), who died recently. Hold Stuart's wife and daughters and Paul 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 in Staffordshire.

Sue. Hold Sue and family in your prayers. Sue is receiving ongoing 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.

Agnes Mary Murray RIP, 23rd anniversary occurred on 2 December – Clare Hills mother.

Linda, who is receiving further attention after her cancer treatment. Hold Bede and family in your prayers.

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.

Norman, very dear friend of Paul and Fen Whittle. 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 come to terms with the death of Bridie Gallagher, Denis's aunt in Ireland. One of eleven children – Bridie was 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.

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 McCorriston (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