

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

3 January 2021

Second Sunday After Christmas

Year B

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"To Dream the Impossible Dream....." versus New Year's resolutions

Christmas in 2020 was very different, was it not? Much was awakened within us that we might have preferred remained hidden. Being alone or with limited family members was not easy and then we waited for the locks to come on at one minute past midnight. We can so easily see our beautiful world and all who inhabit it, including ourselves, through distorted lenses, like looking through a telescope the wrong way round. Much of what is experienced is crying out: "tell me I am worth something"; "tell me I am loveable"; "tell me I am loved". Our hopes might be temporarily diminished, yet we really do want to believe that dreaming is still worthwhile.

Music and drama acknowledge this inner tension between us being "a little less than God and yet food for worms". In the 1965 musical *"Man of La Mancha"*, Don Quixote is exposed as a dreamer who is driven to want to give up by life's difficulties. During his quest, he encounters Aldonza, the inn's serving girl and part-time prostitute, seeing her as the *"dream-ideal whom he will serve forever"*. He insists that her name is Dulcinea (*Beautiful One*) which she finds agonisingly difficult to accept, confused as she is and angered by Don Quixote's refusal to see her as she really is.

Later she encounters him in the courtyard, questioning him on his blindness. He answers with his credo, *The Impossible Dream*. Returning home, an ageing and deflated man and not caring now about his dream, she finds him. She sings to him about his dream coming true in her. She sees the Dulcinea that lay hidden all the while in Aldonza. *Pretty Woman* attempts to portray a more modern version of this similar transformation where Richard Gere's 'love for' Julia Roberts effects a similar transformation...

My reflections during the weeks of Advent, from the *Velveteen Rabbit*, *Jonathan Living Seagull*, *KOKO the Parish Cat* and lastly *Anna and her Mister God*, were all invitations to see, in ourselves and each other, the reflection of the God who became incarnate. And now, another year is gifted to us and we hope that it will be better than 2020. We look ahead - thirsting for something, something that will enable us to acknowledge and yet overlook our limitations. Something that will facilitate our enjoyment of life itself. In our quest for our personal *"Impossible Dream"*, *no matter how hopeless, no matter how far*", we must not permit the past to dictate our future. We are not to be identified by our past.



In our 'hurry', we can so easily miss the depth in the simplicity offered to us in "childrens' stories", even Fairy Tales.

Can we again, in this first week of 2021, re-awaken those dreams that once excited us, dreams that once made every day an adventure, untarnished by intrusive memories persuading us "it's always been like that", wanting us to accept that it cannot be otherwise, confining us to the limitations of our already lived experience.

So then, what is that dream you had many years ago, perhaps when you were chosen for the 'first team' or you got your first car and the 'freedom' that it gave you; or your dream job (and the 'independence' of your first pay packet!). Or perhaps the dream you had when you first met your companion in life and you "looked across a crowded room", like Don Quixote.....and then.....and now.....



Are you ready to dream your own
"Impossible Dream" – again?



**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 3 January 2021	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Princethorpe	Second Sunday after the Nativity Covid-19 restrictions apply
Monday 4 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Tuesday 5 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Wednesday 6 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday 7 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Friday 8 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 9 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 10 January	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Princethorpe	The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Covid-19 restrictions apply

Re-Opening Of Our Churches And Receiving Communion

Regulations and changing so frequently that it continues to be difficult to open St Anne's Church for Mass. I want to assure you that, as soon as government regulations permit, I will make provision for a limited number of parishioners to attend Sunday/daily Mass at St Anne's with me. I will keep you informed.

Currently there is no Mass available at St Anne's Church. Daily Mass is currently Live Streamed from St Anne's Via Facebook – See Diary For Weekly Information. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Please let me know if you would like Holy Communion brought to you at your home so that you can receive communion as you share streamed Mass with me.

Finally, have you considered inviting someone to join with you, from their own homes, at one of the Masses that are streamed every day at 9.30am? People of all faiths and none seem to welcome this invitation. During these difficult times.

Parish Finances

Thank you to those of you who have returned the Option Choices Form regarding your standing orders. Anyone who has not completed the form sent to you please do so as soon as possible. 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 If you would like to receive a Donations Options Form please let me know. Thank you to everyone who is managing to continue with financial support to the parish. It is hugely appreciated.

Internments at St Anne's Parish Cemeteries

The Parish Finance committee has worked very hard this year to clarify the conditions for interment and/or burial of ashes at St Anne's cemeteries. Further details are now available on the parish website.

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.

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

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>

Vacancies At Princethorpe College And Crackley Hall School

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

Princethorpe College

Lunchtime Supervisors - We are looking for Lunchtime Supervisors to join our existing duty cover team, to provide care for students during lunchtimes. The core purpose of the role is to be responsible, under the direction of the Deputy Head (Pastoral) and in co-operation with existing duty staff, for securing the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the lunch period, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the College.

This will initially be on a temporary basis, but could become a permanent role. The working hours are from 12.00pm to 2.00pm Monday to Friday, working up to 10 hours per week, term time only. Other work, of a similar nature may be available during the school day or after school. Closing date Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Princethorpe College

Teacher of Business Studies - a well-qualified, dynamic and lively graduate to teach Business Studies to GCSE and A-level for significant part-time or full-time, negotiable for September 2021. The ability to teach A-level Economics and BTEC Level 3 Business Studies would be advantageous. The vacancy is a result of the continued growth in popularity of the courses we are offering in our department. Closing date Monday 11 January 2021.

Princethorpe College

Assistant Head (Director of Studies) - The successful candidate will have the ability to innovate and implement change. They will be passionate about enabling teachers to ensure pupils achieve their full potential. It is vital that the successful candidate has excellent communication, organisational and IT skills, as well as being proactive and a team player. This role is at the heart of the leadership and management of our large, busy, successful Catholic independent day school. Princethorpe has its own senior leadership pay scale which is above national scales. Closing date Monday 11 January 2021.

Princethorpe College

Deputy Head (Academic) - Required for September 2021, a well-qualified graduate with successful experience in middle or senior leadership combined with a strong track record of academic improvement to lead on all aspects of the academic life at Princethorpe. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate creativity, vision and the ability to innovate. They will play a lead role in taking Princethorpe through the next phase of its development, ensuring we are producing pupils who are "world-ready" with the skills and qualities necessary to go on to lead full, rich and meaningful lives.

This is an exciting and challenging role and is likely to suit someone who will be looking to move to a headship in the future. Princethorpe has its own senior leadership pay scale which is above national scales. Closing date Monday 11 January 2021

Crackley Hall

Assistant Head (Key Stage 2 Academic) - Required for September 2021, a well-qualified graduate with successful experience in a leadership capacity. The successful candidate will be an outstanding classroom practitioner, passionate about the delivery of excellent teaching and learning and committed to raising the achievement of children of all abilities. They will be a natural and confident leader with excellent planning, administration and time management.

The successful candidate will work closely with, report to and advise the Headmaster in all areas of school life, with specific responsibility for academic matters and all business relating to Key Stage 2. This role is at the heart of the leadership and management of our busy and successful Catholic independent day school. The Princethorpe Foundation has its own senior leadership pay scale which is above national scales. Closing date Monday 18 January 2021.

Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation, Princethorpe College And Crackley Hall School (continued)

Foundation Marketing and Communications Executive - Required from February 2021, a creative, hard-working, team-

player, with fluent written and excellent people skills, to become a key player in our marketing and communications operations. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a successful, energetic, forward thinking team which plays a leading role in the success of the Foundation. The post holder will support and work closely with the Assistant Head (Marketing, Admissions and Communications) to ensure all activity underpins our Schools' marketing strategies and objectives, consistent with the Schools' vision and values. You will bring new ideas to the table to take our marketing and communications to the next level. Closing date Monday 18 January 2021

For all of the vacancies visit <https://www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us?vacancyid=1756> Please note: Princethorpe College is closed until Monday 4 January 2021.

Have You Collected The Stamps From Your Christmas Card Envelopes?

Please let Loretta know if you have saved stamps for the RNIB by emailing lkpcurtis@hotmail.com then leave them with me at the Presbytery or be kind enough to give them to Loretta at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday or send them to her at 10 Arden Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2DU. Many thanks

Recycle Your Christmas Cards, Please

Pam Hopwood and the Teams4U shoe-box team would like you to donate the front cover of your Christmas cards, please. If you could cut off the front cover, we cannot accept any with a religious image, and pop them in a bag and leave on the table in the Chapel entrance at Princethorpe or leave them with me. Many thanks

St Anne's Parish Cemeteries

This week, expected by 6 January, you will find on the parish website, details governing both cemeteries in St Anne's parish. These will cover matters such as who is entitled to/permitted a burial/cremation plot in either cemetery, information governing headstones as regards size, material, colour, inscriptions and on-going maintenance of both cemeteries, together with information as to initial and ongoing costs.

Within a short while thereafter, a form will be available on the website to enable those who wish to apply to reserve a burial/cremation plot.

All matters relating to the cemeteries will be overseen by the Cemeteries Committee with any final decision reserved to the parish priest.

Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers

Kathleen who is recovering in hospital from taking an overdose. Hold Kathleen's immediate and wider family in your prayers.

Gillian and Isabel whose marriages are under strain at present.

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

Paul Catterall who is recovering in hospital after a serious accident at work before Christmas. Hold Paul, his wife Theresa, and family in your prayers.

Violet, in Ireland, who may lose sight in one eye.

Sam, Sue Kimberley's grandson, who is recovering at home from an operation.

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

Alice, David and Sonia's daughter. Alice is home again and in pain, awaiting a serious operation. Please hold Alice, James and family in your prayers.

Mai, Basil's mother, who is unwell at present in hospital.

Jo who is recovering at home from her operation. Pray for Jo and Jonnie.

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, who has more tests to overcome.

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

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.

Catherine whose pregnancy with twins is worrying.

Jim and Anne for their young baby. Hold their wider family in your prayers.

David, a young father struggling at the moment.

Anne who is very anxious at present.

Peter Power and family.

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

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

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.

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.

Liz's mum who is unwell.

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.

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

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

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

Parishioners who have been diagnosed with coronavirus.

Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers (Continued)

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.

Pray For Those Who Have Died And For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week – Let Us Not Tire Of Praying

Caitlin who died unexpectedly on 28 December. Hold her husband, Ciaran, and their 5 month old child, Adana, in your prayers. Pray also for Caitlin's parents, Bernard and Jo, for Rory, Caitlin's brother and for Caitlin's aunt, Clare, and Clare's family.

Deborah Jorgensen (89), sister-in-law to Willi Brown. Willi is the last surviving member of that generation.

Michael Turner RIP, brother of Jeremy Turner, husband of Sarah, who died the week before Christmas with Covid-19 in addition to his cancer. Also Jeremy's sister, Celia, whose husband Keith died recently shortly after a diagnosis of cancer. Pray for the families.

Gisela Heines (59), sister in law to Helen Peters (Willie Brown's daughter) who died recently.

Maureen Mernagh (95), aunt to Peter Power, who died last week in Co Wexford. Peter's Uncles Paddy and Tom, and his aunt Kate died earlier this year.

Kate Tennant RIP, friend of Loretta, who died recently. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died recently

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

Patrick Horgan (76) RIP who died unexpectedly and peacefully recently. Hold his family in your prayers. Pray for Jo, his very close friend.

Wolfgang, Chrissie's father, who died recently and her mother who has recovered well from her operation and is now at home.

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