

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

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Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

Year B

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**"Desert Island Discs" - A Spirituality of Detachment**

Many questions in life permit a speedy answer. Other questions, however, provoke a considered response. 'What shall we have for dinner', 'what shall we watch on TV' do not carry the same importance as 'where shall we live', 'what profession shall we take up?' Then there are those questions that focus our attention on the meaning of life, our value system, and our goals in life. And these are the real questions that cry out for an answer that can provide real direction in life. These are questions that sharpen focus and invite a concrete response.

Each week, on Desert Island Discs, a guest, called a 'castaway' during the programme, is asked to choose eight recordings (usually, but not always, music), a book and a luxury item that they would take if they were to be cast away on a mythical desert island. These they name whilst discussing their lives and the reasons for their choices. They're given, as well, the complete works of Shakespeare and the Bible.



Weeks of lock down invite or compel us to 'do' something lest we be embarrassed when asked 'what did you do during lock down?' We do not want to be accused of 'wasting this time' either. Can we, perhaps, learn from Michael O'Leary who did wonders for those who like to take the kitchen sink on holidays with them - 'just in case'. He forced choices on us. Or we paid the price. Good business acumen adopts a similar approach - sharp questions inviting clarity of thought and action.

I wonder whether we could compile a "St Anne's Desert Island Disc" list', sharing our preferences in our choice of book, music, art or whatever, and revealing our true selves through our choices? We are in the weeks after Christmas when the 'trimmings' of Christmas have been put away for another year. At Christmas we celebrated the wonderful quality of our very humanity in the myriad of ways it is displayed through us. What a wonderful and diverse library of humanity this parish could create in a very short time! Choices of book, music etc. (with your name, if you are brave!) to be shared weekly in this newsletter, to prepare us for that anticipated party when we are free to share lives again with each other. Would it not be wonderful to know each other, with "Anna and her Mister God" "from the inside"!

Some answers just betray how distracted we have become from the centre of our being and just how much of the 'Martha' in us has been afforded inordinate space to drive us to 'worry and fret over so many things'. How easy it is to forget that 'there are no pockets in a shroud'! My esteemed MSC colleague often reminds me that much of what I now possess (and value) would, without doubt, be hastily discarded by those who will follow me. Will I learn my lesson.....

Test yourself, then. If I had only one question to ask, what would it be?  
If I had only one person to talk to, who would it be?  
And just what book, what music and what special thing  
would you take to your mythical Desert island?



**Answers, by email, to Fr Ted, for future newsletters!**

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION OF MASS AT 11.00am AT PRINCETHORPE  
UNTIL AT LEAST SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY (subject to the restrictions at the time)**

**Mass streamed live from St Anne's using [fb.me/stanneswappenbury](https://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 10 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Monday 11 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	James O'Brien RIP
Tuesday 12 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Wednesday 13 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Thursday 14 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Friday 15 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	
Saturday 16 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 17 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (live stream)	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Re-Opening Of Our Churches And Receiving Communion**

The reality now is that, until such time as the virus is under control, St Anne's Church Wappenbury will not open. Of course this is sad, but the only sensible approach to take. Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Princethorpe will, likewise, remain closed at least until the end of February. I will keep you informed as matters improve and as the roll out of vaccine proceeds. I want to assure you that, as soon as government regulations permit and when it is deemed safe for us all, I will make provision for a return to Mass at Princethorpe and an opening of St Anne's Wappenbury.

Daily Mass will continue to be streamed at 9.30am each day from the prayer room at Wappenbury.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

#### **Holy Communion 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. Let me know if you would like to have communion at home during lock down. However, let us forgo this for the time being since this virus is now out of control and best we remain at home.

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 we really need each other.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **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](mailto: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**

**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.

**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: Although the College is closed, except for children of Key Workers, all applications for the above positions are still being considered.**

### **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](mailto: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 keep them to one side until we meet again in church or leave them with me at the Presbytery. Many thanks

### **Princethorpe College Arts Society Lecture – Online Via Zoom – Thursday 21 January 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

On Thursday 21 January at 7.30pm the College Arts Society will be presenting a lecture on Sir Wilfred Thesiger, Explorer, Writer and Photographer. Wilfred Thesiger (1910-2003) is considered to have been one of the greatest explorers of the twentieth century. The lecture is being presented by Rev Nick Baker a former archivist of the College. There is no charge for the event which will last about one hour. The Zoom information will be sent to you by email 24 hours prior to the lecture.

If you would like to receive the Zoom ID and Password for this event please email or call Loretta at [lkpcurtis@hotmail.com](mailto:lkpcurtis@hotmail.com) or 07951 256796.

### **A Scripture Reading Programme For The Weeks Of This Lock Down**

Catholics have not been educated in the scriptures. We are accustomed to hearing (different from 'listening') to them at Mass and there are times when they seem to make no sense whatsoever - and sometimes they really don't! A focused programme of scripture reading can be incredibly enlightening and indeed refreshing – and enjoyable too..

This lock down will probably last about six weeks at least. Time, then, to read the Gospels, the Act of the Apostles and, from the Old Testament, The Book of Job - six books in all, one per week. Starting with the Gospel of Marc (shortest), then Acts of the Apostles (history), then Luke, Matthew (more details and early years of Jesus) and, bringing up the rear, Job (really shows how to engage with God!). For limited ages: between 7 and 100!

If you've not got a bible, I can find you one. How about it?

### **A Time To Sit With Your Friend This Week**

Since we cannot come to church, perhaps we can experience the church in our own homes during the week.

This Wednesday, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament between 5.00pm and 6.00 pm in the Prayer Room at Wappenbury. I will use Facebook to stream this for you as I do for Mass. There will be no formal prayer. It is for you take as much time as you wish to be with the Lord and to converse with (and listen to) God. A simple prayer at 5.55pm and a blessing will end this time in prayer.

### **St Anne's Parish Cemeteries**

In the next week you will find, on the parish website, details governing both cemeteries in St Anne's parish. 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**

**Laurie (23)** who has been diagnosed with cancer. Laurie is a relative of Sue Kimberley.

**Margaret (76)**, Stretton on Dunsmore, who has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease. Please pray for Margaret her husband, Geoff. Margaret and Geoff are neighbours to Mary Hewitt.

**Sue.** Hold Sue and family in your prayers. Sue begins further chemotherapy this week.

**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.

**John Davies**, one of the team of builders who were responsible for the renovation of St Anne's. John has fallen 15ft from a ladder and is wearing a full brace to support this spine.

**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.

**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.

**Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers (Continued)**

**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.

**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 recently 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.

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**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 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** 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 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**