

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

17 January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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**“That they all might be one...” (John 17:21)
Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” 18th - 25th January**

I grew up in the 1940s in a small three bed roomed house on the outskirts of Cork City. Our detached house was the last one on the road out from Cork to the countryside. My parents, and eight of my siblings, were born in a small town in West Cork named Bandon. Here everybody knew everybody else's business and was I glad, as I grew up, that my father chose to move out from the town. Because of our move into the city, we were labelled as 'snobs'!

Ours was a Catholic home in a Catholic parish in Cork. The city of Cork seems an unlikely place for a church designed by one of the giants of 20C modernism. Considering the conservative traditions of the Irish Catholic church, even more unlikely is the church's radical modern style – and yet this is what we find in the Church of Christ the King (1927-31). It could hold about 1200 people and each Sunday it would be filled for Masses on the hour between 8.00am and 12pm. It would today form a fantastic concert venue!



What I also remember is being forbidden to ever go inside a 'Protestant' church. St Finbarr's Anglican Cathedral is another striking building in Cork. I would pass it every time going into the city. But dare I enter – I would court damnation by that action! So that I have yet to see the inside of St Finbarr's. It is now locked more often than it is open.



Yet one of my abiding memories was being forbidden to play with the children who lived next door to us (you see, they were Jehovah Witnesses!). We did not even talk to each other. All I heard was that "he was some kind of bishop. You'll be wanting to keep far away from them now"!

And, as I grew up, and returned to my roots in Bandon, I was to hear such derogatory phrases used about the town of my roots that do not permit repeating today. You see, no Catholic could live, go to school, have a business within the town walls or own any property within the town walls – such was the disunity between Christians and the antipathy towards Catholics and Catholicism itself in those days.

Which is a lengthy prelude to highlighting the progress that has been made in Christian relationships during my life time. Now we get on very well together. Our 'denominations' seem hardly to matter. They certainly do not divide. Pockets of extreme denominational loyalty still smoulder in some countries and localities while denominational worship itself has seriously declined. So that our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is, perhaps, more about revitalising the life within Christianity itself so that it becomes a relevant and vital force in the lives of our local, national and international communities.

And, perhaps also, the emergence of a 'digital church' may be God's way of doing this, compelling Christian leaders to offer more relevant, appropriate and more spiritual worship that will relate to a widening and less 'churchy' congregation, and be experienced by 21C people as relevant. And perhaps God's way, too, of inviting you to look more deeply into your own faith allegiance.

What is your opinion?

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

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 through the week?

Sunday 17 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Tom Moloney RIP – uncle to Peter Griffin
Monday 18 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mont RIP (ann) - Brother to Roy Pendelton
Tuesday 19 January	9.30am 7.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Via Zoom	Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday 20 January	9.30am 5.00pm - 6.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 January		NO MASS TODAY	Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Friday 22 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 23 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 24 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Third 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

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.

The Archdiocesan Financial Statement for 2019 is now available on the archdiocesan website. You will find it on pages 24 – 28 of the diocesan magazine "*The Sower*". <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

Sacraments During Pandemic

You are aware now that we are deprived of the sacraments during the pandemic. While this will continue for some time yet, we must nevertheless prepare for the reception of the sacraments. Preparation for each sacrament will be conducted on line. This pandemic can really be a new God-given invitation to approach our traditional practices in an altogether new and life-giving way.

Baptism: if you have a child/children for baptism, please contact Fr Teddy. Tentative plans can be put in place and preparations can be made for the baptism of your child/children.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child/children whom you consider to be ready to receive their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Teddy. Neither age nor class in school determines an appropriate time for a child's First Holy Communion. Please contact Fr Teddy.

Marriage: If you are considering getting married, please contact Fr Teddy. There are some marriages already booked for this year.

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

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 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 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?

Did you manage to read the Gospel of Mark last week?!!

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

Shortly, 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

Shelley, friend of Janet and Jimmy Murray, who is having extensive treatment.

Paul, friend of Fen, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

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

Claire Spencer, friend of Yvonne, who is recovering from a fall from a horse recently.

Margaret (76), Stretton on Dunsmore, who has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease. Please pray for Margaret and 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.

Mai, Basil's mother, who is unwell with pneumonia in hospital.

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 further assessments. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers

Paul Catterall who is recovering 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.

Alice, Jim Murray's sister, who is now at home, doing well and would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

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.

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.



Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers (Continued)

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.

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



Tom Moloney RIP (89) who died unexpectedly in Limerick on Friday 15 January. Tom is uncle and godfather to Peter Griffin and brother to Peter's mother, Anastasia. Anastasia is now the last family member of that generation. Hold Mary, Tom's wife, and the wider Griffin family in your prayers.

Brigida RIP, aunt to Fen Whittle's friend, Theresa. Brigida died last Wednesday.

Jan RIP, school friend to Sue Kimberly. Jan died recently. She buried her son a couple of years ago.

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

Maureen Mernagh RIP (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 RIP (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 RIP, 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 RIP, long standing friend of Mary Gould who has died.

Norman RIP, 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

Patrick Horgan (76) RIP Hold his family in your prayers. Pray for Jo, his very close friend.

Wolfgang (RIP) 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.

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

