

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Holocaust Day 27 January 2021

Seventy six years this coming Wednesday, Auschwitz Concentration Camp was liberated by Soviet troops. Of the 1.1 million people who were murdered at that camp, almost 1 million of them were Jews. In the years prior to 1940, none could conceive that "man's inhumanity to man" would ever be realised in such a manner as to leave 6 million Jews dead within a very short number of years.



We cannot really conceive of the pain in being 'rounded up', transported east, stripped of homes, possessions, their lives and their dignity. During the Holocaust, Nazis referred to Jews as 'rats'. In the 'camps', to be stripped in order to be 'cleansed for usefulness' or disposed of because of 'uselessness' and then to be stripped of life itself - is not the crime of the Holocaust that human beings were stripped of human value, then of life itself, 'simply' because of one's title of 'JEW' or 'GIPSY'?

And it surely is not only the numbers that make this crime so horrendous. To do this to even one human being is such a crime. To feel insignificant, to feel diminished, is one of humankind's most distressing feelings and perhaps the greatest injustice one human being can inflict on another. To feel humanity divided into one of two categories - useful or useless - strips one of their God given human dignity as created 'a little less than the angels'.

And it continues...in the Rwanda civil war of 1994, over 500,00 of the Tutsi minority were referred to as 'cockroaches' and were slaughtered. In 2017, some 100s of Rohingya villages were torched. In present day Russia, it is reported that some 100s of Muslims (Uyghur's) are undergoing 're-training'. And then we seem to need BLM even to this day! Is the mentality any different from that of the 1950's? Is it not true that 'there is nothing new under the sun'?



In *Less Than Human* (2011), David Livingstone Smith argues that "it's important to define and describe dehumanization, because it's what opens the door for cruelty and genocide. It empowers us to perform acts that would, under other circumstances, be unthinkable." This mindset, he argues, "lies behind the Holocaust, Stalin's slaughter of his own people, the Armenian genocide, the Cambodian genocide, the Rwandan slaughter, and the extermination of villagers in the Dafur region of the Sudan". Pope Francis recognises this in his recent Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' as he invites a change of heart and behaviour: "The signs of the times clearly show that human fraternity and care of creation form the sole way towards integral development and peace."

Underpinning all discrimination is a modern (and yet ancient) heresy: that we are not all created in the image and likeness of God. Whether this results in the death of millions during the Holocaust, the vast numbers in Rwanda, the Rahinjas in Burma, or the individual whom I, by word or deed, awaken in them feelings of insignificance or diminishment, it matters not.

It is good also it is not, that governments change frequently and that power is prevented from corrupting absolutely. It is good when new wisdom and courageous vision can speedily remove the seeds of obvious discrimination.



27 January, Holocaust Day, is not just a day for remembrance. It certainly must be that because to fail to remember is to fertilise the soil of relationships ready again to reap a harvest of discrimination. Remembrance itself can be sterile. Memory is life giving only when it is seasoned with empathy and flavoured with compassionate acceptance of all as "created in God's image and likeness". We must reflect this Wednesday. We must develop empathic hearts that allow us to feel with others their pain when feelings of insignificance and diminishment arise in their lives. It certainly did during the holocaust and it is now an experience shared by an increasing number of people of all ages during this current period of lock down.

Can we focus our listening hearts this week for those who may feel diminished or disabled?

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

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 24 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 25 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul End of week of prayer for Christian Unity
Tuesday 26 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday 27 January	9.30am 5.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury	Holocaust Memorial Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 28 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest,
Friday 29 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 30 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 31 January	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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?

For Baptisms between 2004 and 2020

In January each year, I check up on those who have received the Sacrament of Baptism in this parish since 2004. If you have not, to date, received a Baptismal Certificate, please contact Fr Teddy. You will be asked to complete a form with all the appropriate details so that these can be checked against parish records. It is important that these be accurate as your child grows up and applies to receive further sacraments.

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

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.

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.

Vaccination Programme

Please can I urge anyone who is offered the Covid prevention vaccination to go for it. I had mine last Wednesday afternoon at the centre in Rugby. The whole process was well organized from the reception of the patients, to the jab itself and then the ten minute wait to check you were feeling okay. And no after effects.

Parish Finances

The Finance Committee met last Tuesday and would like to thank all of you most sincerely for your continued support of the parish finances at this difficult time for everyone.

If you would like to discuss how you can help in any way with the finance of the parish please email Fr Teddy directly at fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk

If you would like to receive a Donations Options Form (this form outlines which of the two accounts your standing order is credited to – either the current account from which the archdiocese levies are calculated or the development account which is solely for the maintenance of the parish estate) please let me know.

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>

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>

Have You Collected The Stamps From Your Christmas Card Envelopes?

Loretta would like to thank those parishioners who have taken the trouble to send her the used stamps in the last couple of weeks. If anyone has saved stamps for the RNIB please leave them with me at the Presbytery or send them to Loretta at 10 Arden Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2DU. However many have been collected will be sent off to the Charity at the end of January - thank you.

Can You knit?

Pam Hopwood and the Teams4U shoe-box team are looking for help from anyone who can knit to make mittens in childrens sizes 6-11 years old and 12 years of age and above. If you need a pattern please contact Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com or 07951 256796

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

Thank you to you all who watched the Lecture via Zoom last Thursday evening, the College Arts Society hope you enjoyed the event. If you would like to participate in the next presentation (there is usually one each term) please email Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com and she will ensure you receive all the information in good time.

Teaching at Princethorpe

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 **Thursday 25 February 2021**. Further details will follow shortly.

Training To Become A Teacher at Princethorpe

Thinking of becoming a teacher? Then why not consider training at Princethorpe College. Whether you are a new graduate or contemplating a career change, we have opportunities available across the subjects but particularly for those with a Maths or Science degree.

Though our association with the Lion Alliance, we offer a year's training as part of the School Direct scheme, leading to Qualified Teacher Status. Placements would be at Princethorpe and also at other schools within the Lion Alliance. Our training is supported by Warwick University, Birmingham City University and by our experienced mentors here.

Now in its third year our successful scheme also attracts bursaries from the government of between £7,000 and £24,000 to support those training in Chemistry, Computing, Maths, Physics, Languages and Biology.

Our Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning, Dr Liz Pyne is happy to offer advice about the different routes into teaching and what Princethorpe can offer you. Please email: lizpyne@princethorpe.co.uk

Further information about the Lion Alliance can be found here: www.thelionalliance.co.uk

Information about Getting into Teaching and possible bursaries can be found here: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

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.

William Blaesberg, in Denmark, a friend of Loretta's, who is seriously ill.

Pauline, a friend of Marie Kerrigan's, who has been told her cancer is inoperable, that she may be able to receive a trial drug to enable her to live longer than the one year given.

Ann, a friend of Marie Kerrigan's, who is recovering from a cancer operation.

Ellie, a friend of Marie Kerrigan's, who has inoperable cancer -that she may continue her life-saving treatment and more chemo.

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.

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.



Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers (continued)

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



Peggy Blunsom RIP who died this week after a short stay in hospital. Hold Janet and family in your prayers.

Mai Drobyk RIP, Basil and Julie's mother who died last Wednesday.

Liam Morgan RIP, Liam was one of the wonderful team of builders who worked on the restoration and refurbishment of St Anne's in 2014. Please pray for his family and friends.

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

Pray For Those Who Have Died And For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week (continued)

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 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

