

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

14 February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Teveye to Golde repeatedly: "Do you love me?" (Fiddler on the Roof) Jesus to Peter three times: "Do you love me"

It seems to be a question that seeks an answer so often! We have spent many months in our own homes, either 'working from home', 'home schooling' or simply 'staying at home to stay safe, to protect others and to protect the NHS'. Perhaps the question was not asked very often, either presuming the answer or nervous of the answer. Before we begin Lent, I invite you to look at the foundation of any spirituality, to reflect of your own approach to Lent, so that it will, for you this year, be much more than just 'giving up' something. I invite an approach to Lent based only on mutual couple love and on family love.

Absence can make the heart grow fonder, so the saying goes. So can closeness if managed well. Monday is the feast of St Valentine and, whatever might be the origins of this occasion, it is all about love, is it not? At least commercially. I invite you to celebrate some part of the day with the person that God has given you as a life partner and I offer a few simple reflections for your personal, or couple, use. Perhaps you used one of these on your wedding day - or what did you chose then, do you remember?

From one of the most sexual writings in the bible, the Song of Solomon 8:6-7

*"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
For Love is strong as Death, longing is fierce as Sheol.
Its arrows are arrows of fire, flames of the divine.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor rivers sweep it away.
Were one to offer all the wealth of his house for love,
he would be utterly despised".*

St Paul, after his conversion. How could he write about love in this way? 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

*"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
It does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

And then to Shakespeare:

*"Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds,
or bends with the remover to remove:
O no! It is an ever fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken;
it is the star to every wandering bark whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks within his bending sickle's compass come:
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, but bears it out, even to the edge of doom."*

You see, to celebrate love is to 'be with', really present, real, vulnerable, loved and loveable. It is to speak languages of love - it is to tell the other how much you love them, how much you appreciate them, how much you value them, how much you depend upon them - without presuming that they know this just now! Can you recall when you last told this to each other??

Love is to forgive without forgetting and to be forgiven without remembering; it is to give with appreciation and to receive with gratitude. It is to give as adult and to receive as adult. This is what you did many years ago when you "left father and mother and were joined to your spouse.....". You may even chose to begin your day at Mass together or at prayer with each other.

What do you think?

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 14 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 15 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	St Valentine's Day – Mass for Married Couples
Tuesday 16 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Laurie – undergoing treatment
Wednesday 17 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Ash Wednesday Mass
	7.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 18 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Patrick Griffin RIP anniversary
Friday 19 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Jimmy Wassil RIP
Saturday 20 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 21 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	First Sunday of Lent

I have copies of "Walk With Me" for Lent. Let me know if you would like one sent on to you.

Forward Diary Dates For the Season of Lent

Wednesday 24 February	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 3 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 10 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 17 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 24 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 31 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 2 April	3.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Good Friday Service
Saturday 3 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 April	9.30am 11.00am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Princethorpe (TBC)	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass

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.

Burial Register - Update

The Burial Register is a record of the interments that have been undertaken in both St Anne's and Princethorpe Cemeteries over the years. On revisiting the records it has come to light that the actual date of some of the burials has not been inserted. If you have had a relative buried in either of the cemeteries please let me know the date of the burial by emailing fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk It will enable me to have fulsome records for future generations. Many thanks.

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 weeks of Lent

During Wednesdays in Lent (**apart from Ash Wednesday**), I will expose the Blessed Sacrament between 7.00pm and 8.00 pm in the Prayer Room at Wappenbury (**please note later time**). 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 7.55pm and a blessing will end this time in prayer

A Scripture Reading Programme For The Weeks Of This Lock Down

If you did not manage to read the suggested scriptures during the past month, **perhaps you might try it during Lent**. Time 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 with 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?

Re-Opening Of Our Churches And Receiving Communion

The sad reality is that our parish church has not been used for Sunday Mass for nearly one year and it is likely to continue for some time yet. My judgment was that this is the safest approach for us all. Since Princethorpe College has been closed, too, 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. **Perhaps during Lent, you might try joining in Mass one day in the week as well as on Sunday.** 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. Please let me know if you would like to have communion one day at home during Lent.

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 – and now during Lent - do not be shy in inviting someone else to join in Mass with us.

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.

Parish Finances

The Finance Committee 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. You can email Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com and she will send on the form to complete and return to me, please.

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>



The Stamps From Your Envelopes – Donated to the RNIB

Loretta would like to thank those parishioners who have taken the trouble to save and send her the used stamps in the last few weeks. The pile of stamps will be posted on Monday to the charity. Keep collecting if you can, save them for the next couple of months, and Loretta will send more again at the end of April

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. There is a supply of wool in the Presbytery porch if you would like to come and collect some – kindly donated by Clare Burdett and friends. If you require a pattern please contact Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com or 07951 256796



Jesus Christ Super Star Princethorpe College School Production Coming Soon!

Directors, Jess Newborough and Gil Cowlshaw who are members of staff at the College, have announced that this year's College production is to be a world first, a completely virtual production. In agreement with the rights holders the College is recording individual virtual performances that will be edited together to produce a show. If all goes to plan, the 'show week' will be from Thursday 1 to Thursday 8 April 2021, with tickets being sold to stream the show as often as you like during the week. Due to the strict copyright laws, the production will then be taken down, never to be seen again!

It promises to be highly entertaining, featuring a number of classic rock musical numbers including Gethsemane, I Don't Know How To Love Him, Everything's Alright and of course the powerful anthem Superstar.

It is sure to be super spectacle, so do watch out for details of how to get tickets to the show.

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 – for the living

Joseph 14, who returned home this week after 14 weeks in hospital. We thank God for all 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.

William Blaesberg, in Denmark, a friend of Loretta's. William is home from hospital and continues to recover.

Clare O'Callaghan who suffered a serious fire at her house recently.

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.

Claire Spencer, friend of Yvonne, who is recovering from a fall from a horse recently. Claire's father, Ken, died very recently from Covid.

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 continues further chemotherapy treatment.

Kathleen who is recovering at home 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 results of 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.

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.



Please Remember Especially In Your Prayers – for the living (continued)

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



Jimmy Wassill RIP who died last week. Jimmy is cousin to Mary Rogers.

Nana RIP who died in Ireland last. Nana is grandmother to Kelly Gemmell.

Patrick Griffin RIP whose anniversary occurs this Thursday. Pray for Anastasia and family.

Staff at George Elliot Hospital on the unexpected death of a young doctor. Please pray for his family and three small children

Frances Kendrick RIP who died last week. Please pray for her family

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

Mai Drobyk RIP, Basil and Julie's mother who died recently

Ken RIP who died recently from Covid.

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 recently in Limerick. 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, 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

