

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

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First Sunday of Lent

Year B

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Lent What's The Point Anyway?

Soon I hope we will be released from lock downs. We will reflect, with pride or regret, on what we did during these long months. I watched more TV news than was good for me. And I wanted a break. I love watching Sarah Moore in "Money for Nothing", making good something that was about to be discarded, or imagining my home could be transformed like Caroline Quentin does it in "Restoration Home". And how I long for a team like that in "The Repair Shop" to take my junk and make it good again.

It's much the same in other aspects of my life. I would like someone to make up for the lost attention during my years of study, to endow me with all I could have learned then, to make good all that I missed. Or someone to take my life even and make it the way I wished it could have been all these years. Now there's a fairly common human experience. There is so much we all wish for and then so much we conclude that it is too late to hope for it now, and certainly too late to imagine that I could or will get it.

Then I come to Lent and I hear God speaking, through the prophet Isaiah, "*Come back to me with all your heart and do not let fear keep us apart*" and again "*come to the water all you who thirst; come, whether you have any money or not*". And then it strikes me - and I am surprised when I hear myself saying it - I just don't know how to do that. Just how do I come home to God, my origin and my destiny? And just what does that mean anyway? And the human question always is: what must I do - more so in this culture in which we think there is nothing we cannot achieve! You see, I don't know, with any certainty, how to 'come home' to God. And I suppose that's why I previously did as most folks have done, year in and year out: I "gave up things" for Lent. I wanted to do something to be a better person, to feel that I had done it myself. I suppose that's all about control, isn't it? And about self satisfaction, too.



It takes quite a while to realise that, try as I may, I really am not in control. Quite a while to realise that God wants us to come as we are. Not new, not as we might like God to 'see us'. And there is no point either in pretending. Adam and Eve tried that and look where that got them! And in the Covid 19 time, the 'old normal' way of coming to God doesn't work anymore. Neither do the Covid 19 rules for relating to each other work. With God, in a 'new normal', the relationship will be hands on (needing time), face to face (vulnerable) and close up (intimate). The 'old normal' is the one where, once you have 'done' what was prescribed, all was well. The 'new normal' is one where you have lots of time for God and for your relationship with God.

And it is to us, as we are, that God is issuing the invitation this Lent. And the invitation is for now. You want to come home? Then just come. God makes one requirement: you must want desperately to come into a new relationship with God. As you would with a friend, spouse, partner, say 'hi' each morning and then chat in the evening about how your day went. You'll be surprised how quickly a 'new normal' relationship becomes normal!

What do you think? Is this for you?

**NOTE: CELEBRATION OF MASS AT PRINCETHORPE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED -
PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES**

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 21 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	First Sunday of Lent
Monday 22 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle
Tuesday 23 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mai Sears RIP
Wednesday 24 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	John Dobie RIP
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury(<i>live stream</i>)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 25 February		No live stream today	
Friday 26 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	12noon	Princethorpe	Funeral of Peggy Blunsom (invited guests only – Covid restrictions apply)
Saturday 27 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 28 February	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Second Sunday of Lent - CAFOD Collection

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.

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 I will expose the Blessed Sacrament between 7.00pm and 8.00 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 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

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.

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.

Vacancy at Princethorpe College And Other Opportunities

Teacher of Chemistry - Required for September 2021, a well-qualified graduate to teach Chemistry in a lively, successful and growing department, on a full-time or significant part-time basis. This person's timetable for the coming year goes up to GCSE but the ability and desire to teach A-level thereafter would be advantageous. An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players. **Closing date Wednesday 3 March 2021.** For further information please use the link

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1774>

NQTs are also welcome to apply; the College has a comprehensive induction programme leading to full QTS status. Single accommodation may be available. Princethorpe has its own pay scale which is above national scales.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the wider life of the school is essential.

Teaching at Princethorpe College Brochure

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 **Wednesday 5 May** and not **Thursday 25 February** as previously advertised. Please watch out for further details.

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/>

Remember Especially In Your Prayers – for the living

Joseph 14, who returned home recently 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.

John who was taken to A and E last weekend. **John's cousin, Lottie**, who is ill with cancer.

Sue, Hold Sue and family in your prayers. Sue continues further chemotherapy treatment.

Bill who faith supports him as he experiences on-going difficulties at present. He is awaiting results of assessments. Hold Bill and Yvonne in your prayers

Olivia (16) relative of Di's currently in Warwick Hospital

Knud Blaesberg, William's brother who will be receiving treatment in the near future

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

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.

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.

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.



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

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

John Dobie RIP who died yesterday. Hold Veronica and family in your prayers

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

Dr Rolland (37) who died unexpectedly recently. Hold his children, his family and his colleagues in your prayers at this very sad time.

Frances Kendrick RIP who died recently. Please pray for her family

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

Ken RIP who died recently from Covid.

Jimmy Wassill RIP who died recently. Jimmy is cousin to Mary Rogers.

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

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 recently.

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.

Kate Tennant RIP, friend of Loretta, please pray for Kate and her family and for Loretta.

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

Betty Lucas RIP. Hold Ruth and family in your prayers.

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.

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. Hold Tony and Jane in your prayers.

Chris Peake RIP (71), former caretaker of Our Lady's School, Princethorpe, who died recently. Please pray for Chris's family.

Patrick Griffin RIP whose 100th birthday would have been last Thursday. Pray for Anastasia, Peter, Liz and all the family who were able to join in the Mass from around the world.

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.

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.

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.

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). Remember Mary in your prayers.

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. Remember Denis in your prayers.

David Ratcliffe whose father in law, Tony, died recently. Remember Sally in your prayers.

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 is now at home.

Mildred (87) RIP (Ryton on Dunsmore)

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. Remember Marie in your prayers.

Joan and Sister RIP. Remember Sandra in your prayers.

Bob RIP

Maria Ramsay (76) RIP

Mont RIP. Remember Roy in your prayers.

John RIP Remember Clare in your prayers.

