

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

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Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

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"To thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the day to night. Thou can'st not be false to any man"
Hamlet"

This week, children throughout the country will be the focus of attention as they begin to return to school. A cocktail of emotions will surely accompany our anticipated experience of hearing again the sound of children's voices as it will be for children as they rush to see their friends again with the 'millions of things I have to tell you'. While children may be anxious - 'will my friends be my friends again?' - parents may experience the 'first day going to school' nervousness: will my child be alright? Will he/she settle in again? And teachers will, of course, exude an air of real confidence that all is now well again while, perhaps harbouring a sense that much may have been missed in some children's learning and formation, and how will they catch up?

Jess Lair, author of "*I ain't Much but I'm All I've Got*" among other titles of affirmation, is quoted as saying that "*children are not things to be moulded but people to be unfolded*" with which, I am sure, we can agree. This Monday, then, are we not invited to meet these children as if for the first time? Their experiences will have changed them and our experiences will have changed us. To hope that school will be the same is bound to disappoint.



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Authenticity is called for. We may need to get to know each other again, adults as well as children.

Expectations will have changed. Children will be older. Adults, including parents, may be somewhat fragile, as might some children.

The phrase 'mental health', so easily used during these lockdown months, can so confuse by suggesting that it is our thinking that bothers us when, in fact, we are talking about our emotional well being. A parent recently confided in me his conviction that education is currently failing to teach young people three things: how to manage finances, how to understand and manage their emotions, and how to manage their emotional life in relationships. I suggest that much of life's difficulties result from misinterpreting our emotional responses and from our failure to nourish our emotional life. Something seems to prevent us from affording each other space for the expression of our deepest felt emotions. Is not this time appropriate time for this?

On returning either to school, to church, to the office, will we not be wise to foster a healthy mutual expression of emotion, perhaps in ways that we have not become accustomed to expressing? A slower pace of life is surely invited while we come again just to enjoy one another's company, to hear stories, to wonder, just to be. I frequently invite time to be still, time to experience the gift of solitude, to become aware of being comfortable with being alone with self, at home in one's own skin so to speak. Great strength comes from this experience. For a little while at least, I imagine, that imparting knowledge in schools will need to take second place to experiencing people, as will community celebrations within our churches need to be subordinated to our whole hearted greeting of each other.

It is only human to expect things to 'be the same' and can we not tire of an expected 'new normal'? Yet, we need to prepare for things to be different. And this we must do with great sensitivity to each other. Perhaps we can adopt the spirituality of Jean-Pierre de Caussade who advocated that each time during the day would be best experienced as a *Sacrament of the Present Moment*. It is salutary to remind ourselves that we have the past only as memory. We have the future only as anticipation. We have the present as gift indeed.

During these early days of coming back together, then, let us not rush too much. Let us not hurry too much. Let us not hurry to get 'everything done'. There is, of course, much that we must do. Even in a 'new normal', there are things to be done. Yet there is a question inviting reflection for each of us :

Just who have I become during lockdowns?

**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 7 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Third Sunday of Lent Aureliana Carollo RIP (14 th anniversary)
Monday 8 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Tuesday 9 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Tom McGowan (26 th anniversary)
Wednesday 10 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury(<i>live stream</i>)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 11 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Via Zoom	Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Friday 12 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Marie Ramsay (2 nd anniversary)
			Betty Lucas (1 st anniversary)
Saturday 13 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 14 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	

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 17 March	9.30am 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>) Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 19 – 26 March			Dementia Week
Sunday 21 March			National Census
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
Sunday 28 March	11.00am	Princethorpe (TBC)	Palm Sunday
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
Thursday 1 April	7.00pm	Princethorpe (TBC)	Maundy Thursday Mass
Friday 2 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe (TBC)	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

Re-Opening Of Our Churches And Receiving Communion

The prime Minister's plan presents some hopeful guideline for the re-opening of St Anne's Church. I will study the various stages and I will try to respond as speedily as possible. My judgment remains that to stay shut for public gatherings is the safest approach for us all. Should you wish a time of quiet prayer in St Anne's please get in touch with me.

I am looking at ways to have the services commence at Princethorpe College at least for Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday. Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Princethorpe will remain closed for the present time. I will keep you informed as matters improve and as the roll out of vaccine proceeds. Daily Mass will continue to be streamed at 9.30am each day from the prayer room at Wappenbury. Can you join the community for one weekday Mass during the weeks of Lent and, perhaps, invite someone to attend with you? The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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 and if you have already contacted Fr Teddy, you will receive a reply early next week with suggestions as to how we will proceed. I will follow closely the guidelines and plan on exit from lock down proposed by the Prime Minister last week.

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 this week. Neither age nor class in school determines an appropriate time for a child's First Holy Communion. This is determined by the child's and family's readiness for the sacrament. I have, to date, received contact from only one parent.

Confirmation: If you wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr Teddy this week. For those being prepared through Princethorpe College, you will be informed by your Chaplaincy Team as soon as it becomes safe to administer the sacrament.

Marriage: If you are considering getting married in 2021 or 2022 and you have not heard from Fr teddy recently, please get in touch this 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 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 moved the time from 6pm – 7pm to 7pm -8pm to avoid clashing with meal times. Let me know what best suits you. 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

I wonder if you have managed to read any of the bible books suggested for Lent reading. With five weeks of Lent remaining, you might try the Gospel of Marc this week (a no frills account of the ministry of Jesus). Then move to the Acts of the Apostles (sort of history of the early church and the spread of Christianity). Jump back then to the Book of Job (an interesting and challenging look at our relationship with God when things do not work out as we expected). For limited ages: **between 7 and 100!!**

Holy Communion For Those Sharing Streamed Mass Daily

While our churches continue to remain closed for public gatherings, if you wish to be able to receive Holy Communion as you join in Mass on Facebook, please contact Fr Teddy.

Prayer List – Would You Like Any Amendments Or Additions?

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 as well. If you have any amendments to the Prayer List that 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.

Please let me know, also, of any family anniversaries - we would love to share our prayers with you on that day.

Parish Finances

Once the parish Financial Committee has approved the annual financial report for 2020, you will receive a copy, by email or hard copy. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held via zoom on Thursday 11 March. **Should you have thoughts you wish to raise at this meeting, please contact Fr Teddy.**

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.

Knitting Wool

Due to the wonderful and kind generosity of so many I have an abundance of wool now at the Presbytery. Please do call and pick some up if you are knitting mittens for the shoe-box appeal. I am sure Pam Hopwood and all her helpers would be thrilled to receive as many knitted mittens possible – a pair for every day between now and the end of October 2021 would be super.

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 Science and DT – The Crescent School - Required from September 2021, an enthusiastic, innovative and highly motivated teacher to teach Science and Design Technology from Year 1 to Year 6. We are looking to appoint a well-qualified graduate with QTS.

Science and Design Technology are both highly valued areas of the curriculum at Crescent. Year 1 to Year 3 have two lessons a week allocated and Year 3 to Year 6 have three a week. These lessons are used at the discretion of the teacher to deliver both subjects, with additional time weighting (2:1) given to science.

This is a part time role that will involve working around 0.75 of a full timetable. Although there is some flexibility in the timing of this, this will most likely involve working in school on three and a half days out of five.

Closing date Thursday 11 March 2021 – for further information please use the link

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1779>

Teacher of English – Princethorpe College - Required for September 2021, a well-qualified graduate to teach English to at least GCSE and the ability to teach to A-level would be an advantage, in a lively and enthusiastic department which is housed in superb new purpose-built accommodation. Willingness to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is also essential. The post is available on a full time or part time basis. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players.

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.

Closing date – Thursday 17 March 2021 – for further information please use the link

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1780>

Teacher of Mathematics – Maternity Cover – Princethorpe College - A well-qualified graduate to teach Mathematics up to and including GCSE, in a lively, successful and flourishing department, for a maternity cover, starting September 2021. 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. It is envisaged that this post will involve teaching all years across the full ability range.

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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.

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.

Knud Blaesberg, William's brother, who will be receiving treatment for prostate cancer in Oxford in the



near future

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

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 is waiting for a course of treatment.

Anne, Denis and Karen as they cope with health difficulties.

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.

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

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.

For Those Who Have Died And For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week

John Dobie RIP who died recently and whose funeral was held at St Anne's on last Thursday. Hold Veronica and family in your prayers

Peggy Blunsom RIP Hold Janet and all the family in your prayers.

Dr Rolland (37) RIP 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.

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 McCorry (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.

