

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

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Towards A Spirituality of Motherhood

Billy Graham is quoted as saying that “only God fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the moulding of the character in her children”. Our culture, each Mothering Sunday, intends to honour motherhood. Yet it seldom, if ever, reflects on motherhood as a way of life. Neither is there much mention of a *Spirituality of Motherhood* and I imagine you have never heard of motherhood spoken of in this way.

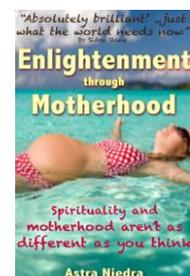
Mothers alone conceive. Mothers alone give birth. Without mothers there is no life. Without mothers, there is no birth. Without birth, there is no life. Motherhood, for those on whom it is bestowed, is a singular privilege. Through motherhood, life is conceived, nurtured, sustained and brought to maturity. Motherhood, alone, fosters motherhood and in this, the chain of life is sustained and assured.



Mothers are gifts from God ever before they deliver life. They join with the creator in gifting the world with continued life. Mothers *are* before they ever *do*. Motherhood mirrors the stillness in God as the mother forms life in the stillness of her womb and brings forth life in the beauty and in the messiness of birth. A mother shares with the creator the origin of life and she sets the course in life towards the person's destiny. So that a mother co-operates with God in the creation of life and in life's capacity to reflect the creator. There is always excitement and anticipation when a pregnancy is announced as there can be anxiety during the last days of pregnancy. Yet there is something amiss in a 'doing' culture that can make childbirth itself seem invisible to us, except during the short time we participate in it.

Not only is childbirth fundamentally crucial for the continuation of our species, but it's such an amazing and awe-inspiring experience - even for those just *attending* a birth - that it's a wonder there's so little talk about it in our day-to-day lives. Am I not correct to say that motherhood is never spoken of as being a *spiritual pathway* leading a mother closer to God in and *through motherhood itself*?

Dr Sidra Stone, in her book 'Enlightenment Through Motherhood' maintains that “the practices defined as ‘spiritual’ are usually performed separate from family life and so have been tricky for women, shouldering the responsibilities of child-raising, to participate in. Mothers have been unable to take part fully in spiritual endeavours or so it has always been assumed.” And in this I am inclined to concur. I must confess that I have never seen promoted “A Mother and Child Retreat”!



Have you ever considered that one of the main gifts of motherhood is that once you attain it, it is with you always? There is a joy in motherhood known only to mothers. There is, likewise, a pain in motherhood known only to mothers when pregnancy ends prematurely or very soon after birth. Similarly when a mother buries a child of whatever age. On this Mothering Sunday during Covid 19, can we not improve our understanding and acceptance of the feminine in life - and in each other - as a prelude to a refreshed acceptance and genuine appreciation of every mother - *as mother*; and this include every grandmother!

Mothering Sunday alone must not be the one day we honour mothers. We must devise and promote a spiritual pathway which mothers, *as mothers*, can embrace and experience. Is this not very much overdue?

What do you think?

**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 14 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Fourth Sunday of Lent
			Parishioners intentions
Monday 15 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Sr Laetitia O'Brien OP - birthday
Tuesday 16 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	John Dobie RIP
Wednesday 17 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	Feast of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury(<i>live stream</i>)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 18 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Friday 19 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary; Buhour Family
Saturday 20 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Stan and Kathleen Middleton
Sunday 21 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

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)	Holy 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.

St Anne's is now open daily for private prayer by prior notice. Please contact Fr Teddy MSC.

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 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 Remaining 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.

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.

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.

Vacancies at Princethorpe College And Other Opportunities

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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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.

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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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sean and Marie Kerrigan on the birth of another grandchild – Fin Wilder Kerrigan, born to Melody and Patrick last Friday morning.

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) He is again back in hospital.

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 recently **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.

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.

Kathleen who is recovering at home from taking an overdose.

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.

Veronica and Paul as they come to terms with John's recent death.

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.

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.

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 and dad who are 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.

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. John is waiting to hear about an operation.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Patrick Griffin RIP. Pray for Anastasia, Peter, Liz and all the family.

Liam Morgan RIP, Liam was one of the wonderful team of builders who worked on the restoration St Anne's in 2014.

Michael Turner RIP, brother of Jeremy Turner, husband of Sarah, who died some months ago. Also Jeremy's sister, Celia, whose husband Keith died recently shortly after a diagnosis of cancer.

Maureen Mernagh RIP (95), aunt to Peter Power, who died recently in Co Wexford.

Stuart Cartwright RIP (76), who died recently. Hold Stuart's wife and daughters and Paul in your prayers.

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.

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.

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.**

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Chris Smart (77) RIP

Con McCorriston (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.

