

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

21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B

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“The Sounds of Silence” (Simon and Garfunkel) – On Entering Church

A ‘new normal’ on returning to church will soon be upon us. For twelve months, I have said that, to expect the same on return as you experienced when we shut down, will be to disappoint. You may wonder why I say this.

We must try to open our church and this Easter will be an attempt to do this. My Buddhist friend in Kent, a petite lady and wonderfully wise and deeply spiritual, spoke to me of church or chapel as an essential *“empty space into which we must periodically retire so that, in the silence, we nourish our depleting spirits”*. During this past twelve months, there has been much quietness. Yet, in contrast, there has been an enormous effort, especially through the media, to entertain, to provide ‘respite’, and yet very little offerings of silence.

Simon and Garfunkel, in 1967, wrote and then sang about the *“Sounds of Silence”*. *“In the naked light (they) saw....people ...talking without speaking” and “hearing without listening”*. They saw these same people as they *“bowed and prayed to the neon god they made”*. In our ‘stay at home’ world, we were deprived of much of this. Our *“neon gods”* were switched off to the extent that we now hunger for something - at a time when we return to church, for something.

In advance of our return, I wonder whether we can prepare, in our hearts, to re-convert our churches into *“empty spaces”* in which our spirits will be nurtured. Not that our churches will be, or should be, altogether quiet or silent. They surely will not be. Yet I suggest that a return to greater stillness in our churches will restore depleted spirits more quickly than a mere exchange of words or any ‘respite’ offered by media. Greeting each other is a God given gift which should not, I suggest, degenerate into casual conversation, however meaningful that might be.

Quietness and stillness is hard to come by. I was privileged recently to be gifted with a wonderful book by Robert Cardinal Sarah: *“The Power of Silence”*. Reading through it has induced a serious calmness into my spirit and a realisation that inner stillness demands outer quietness. Hence the quietness of cloisters in monasteries and in Princethorpe College. We, of the 21C, are inhabitants of a culture in which the sound of silence creates a noise that, for us, living in a culture in which *“even nights are not spared the assault of noise”*, can result in a brutal experience. Our awareness of our emptiness of spirit can be shocking and terrifying.

Yet, embracing outer quietness and then experiencing a subsequent inner stillness, can be an exhilarating, yet calming experience. Then we can experience the beauty of a self created and loved by a wonderful God, who in creating, saw that *“all God had made was good”*- and that includes you and me. A time spent alone in a church readily offers us this opportunity. And therein, perhaps, lies the real reason for re-opening our churches - and keeping St Anne's open every day from now on as that *“empty space”* into which we can step - you and I alone. As we move to end lock down, we must yet retain a serious vigilance. Then we can enter the *“empty space”* which is St Anne's in which people's spirits have been nurtured for very many years.

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?

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

Sunday 21 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Fifth Sunday of Lent National Census
Monday 22 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Tuesday 23 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Wednesday 24 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury(<i>live stream</i>)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 25 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Friday 26 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 27 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 28 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Palm Sunday

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

Return to Both Churches on a Trial Basis

Holy Week 2021

Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday	8.00am Mass St Anne's	limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Thursday 25 March
	9.30am Mass	streamed live from St Anne's
	11.00am Mass	Princethorpe
Monday 29 March – Thursday 1 April	9.30am Mass	streamed live from St Anne's
Thursday 1 April	7.00pm Princethorpe – Mass of the Last Supper – streamed live as well	limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Monday 29 March
Friday 2 April	3.00pm Princethorpe – Service of the Passion – streamed live as well	limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Wednesday 31 March
	7.00pm – 7.30pm	Reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ streamed live
Sunday 4 April – Easter Sunday	8.00am – Mass St Anne's	limited numbers and notice is essential by Thursday 1 April
	9.30am Mass	streamed live from St Anne's
	11.00am Princethorpe – Easter Sunday Mass	limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Thursday 1 April

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.

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.

Princethorpe College Teaching Opportunities

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** Please watch out for further details.

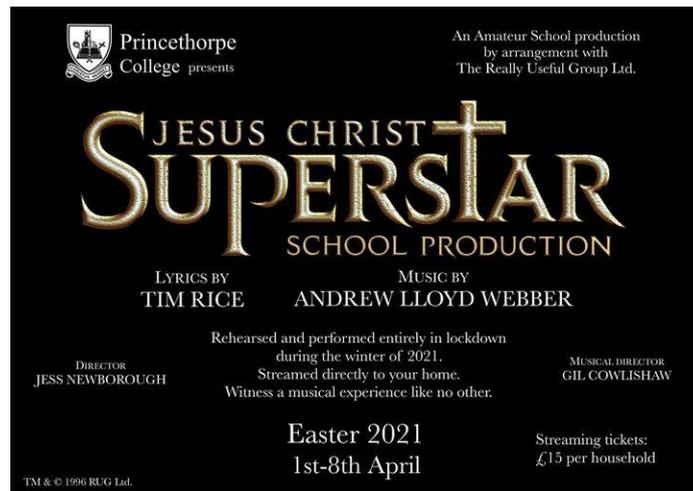
Jesus Christ Super Star Princethorpe College School Production Coming Soon!
Princethorpe College – Jesus Christ Superstar – Tickets On Sale Now!

Tickets are now on sale for Princethorpe's fabulous virtual production of the 1970s rock opera hit, Jesus Christ Superstar.

It promises to be a highly entertaining show, 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. The virtual production will be streamed over the Easter period from Thursday 1 to Thursday 8 April 2021. Tickets cost £15 per family and you are able to stream the show as often as you like during that week. Due to the strict copyright laws, it will then be taken down never to be seen again.

To purchase a ticket then please ask them to use this link bit.ly/JCSbkgs which will take you to a booking system where you can select any date and time.

Please purchase your tickets by 9.00am on Monday 29 March. The streaming links will be sent out on Wednesday 31 March.



Daffodils At St Anne's



It seems a long time ago since a merry band of parishioners cleared the area and planted the bulbs. The flowers return every year to brighten the lane in front of the church. Loretta thought you might like to enjoy this years show.

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 whose 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.



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

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. Hold Veronica and Paul 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) Tom is uncle and godfather to Peter Griffin and brother to Peter's mother, Anastasia.

Brigida RIP, aunt to Fen Whittle's friend, Theresa.

Jan RIP, school friend to Sue Kimberley. Jan buried her son a couple of years ago.

Caitlin RIP 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)

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

Geraldine RIP, close friend of Jane and Tony Phayer

Chris Peake RIP (71), former caretaker of Our Lady's School, Princethorpe

Angela RIP Angela was a close friend of Mary Rogers.

Geraldine RIP, close friend of Jane and Tony Phayer. 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

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

Ron RIP, father to a friend of Yvonne

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

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. 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 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.

