

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

28 March 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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“The Truth Will Set You Free” (John 8)

During his trial in Jerusalem, Jesus made a remarkable claim. “*All who are on the side of truth*”, He said, “*listen to my voice*”. Earlier in His life, when speaking with some Jews who had come to believe in Him, Jesus had said that “*the truth will set you free*” (Jn 8). Pilate’s reply to Jesus during His trial was puzzling, to say the least. “*Truth? What is that?*”, he said (Jn18). What was it about Pilate, I ask, that prompted such a question? Surely it was not naivety which would be very much out of place for one in such a place of high authority. So we must look elsewhere.

We must search in our 21C culture if we are to understand Pilate. It is common practice now to use the word post-modern in describing a culture in which there is nothing deemed to be absolute. Truth is judged to vary with the one who believes and there seems to be an innate urge to defend “my truth” whenever I deem it to be under attack. Threat is so easily heard where disagreement is proposed or where exploration of information is encouraged.

This week, in a school in West Yorkshire, the sensitivities of a Muslim community were deemed to be offended. In a teaching programme addressing blasphemy, a teacher displayed an image of the prophet Mohammed, such images being totally forbidden in Islam. Immediate protests, an apology, a suspension and, purportedly, a flight to safety, ensued. Of course, one must demand of us all sensitivity to each other’s accepted truth. Each religion will retain its own sensitivities – Christians felt the need, in recent years, to defend the wearing of a cross in public employment or displaying a cross in appropriate educational establishments.

Yet there are many truths, important to Catholicism, even absolute in it, that one feels unable to defend openly without risking the odium of others or at least ridicule intended to silence. Even Pope Francis is reticent in speaking about important issues such as life and death, sexuality and gender, love and relationships, wealth and greed, except to address them in somewhat generic language - perhaps for fear of offending. Or is the issue perhaps: dare we profess to be bearers of any absolute truth even with a claim that it is based on God’s word?

Only when I am secure in my own truth as matching absolute truth, while being willing and open to explore with you, your truth, can I ‘permit’ and welcome challenge and debate. Pilate betrays a dreadful insecurity. This ragamuffin carpenter’s son from a backward town of Nazareth dares to raise the issue of truth in the exalted palaces of power! Judging there not to be any openness in Pilate, Jesus thereafter remains silent. The ensuing riots were not of his instigation. It was too threatening for many to engage in another’s perception of ‘truth’.

I sometimes feel silenced by the reluctance of others to engage in exploration of mutual ideas, some of which may give rise to great sensitivity. One can but wonder what might have ensued had Pilate and the Sanhedrin chosen to engage with Jesus in exploring each other’s ‘truth’. After all, both ‘truths’ emanated from the one authority, the Bible – and Abraham!

Until each of us knows our ‘truth’ and is so comfortable in it that it can withstand challenge, then growth and understanding for all is inhibited. Sensitivities become so heightened that the possibility of adult engagements is overtaken by threat and fear, and any possibility that “*the truth will set (us) free*” will not be experienced.

What do you think?

NOTE: THERE WILL BE MASS AT PRINCETHORPE AT 11.00AM ON PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY ON A TRIAL BASIS, AND AT ST ANNE'S ON THE SAME DAYS AT 8.00AM 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

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 28 March	8.00am	Wappenbury	Palm Sunday – only available to those who have reserved a seat
	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	Palm Sunday – only available to those who have reserved a seat
Monday 29 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Tuesday 30 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Wednesday 31 March	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury(<i>live stream</i>)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 1 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Mass of the Last Supper- limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Monday 29 March
Friday 2 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe (<i>also live stream</i>)	Service of the Passion - limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Wednesday 31 March
	7.00pm – 7.30pm	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ
Saturday 3 April	7.00pm	<i>St Chad's Cathedral (streamed)</i>	Easter Vigil
Sunday 4 April	8.00am	Wappenbury	Easter Sunday - limited numbers and notice is essential by Thursday 1 April
	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe (<i>also live stream</i>)	limited numbers and prior notice is essential by Thursday 1 April

Reservation Of A Seat At Any Of The Masses Above

For efficient use of Track and Trace, you must contact Loretta at lkpcurtis@hotmail.com or 07951 256796 if you wish to have a seat reserved for any of the Masses above. Strict Covid 19 guidelines will be in place.

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 last week of Lent.

I will expose the Blessed Sacrament between 7.00pm and 8.00 pm in the Prayer Room at Wappenbury, for the last Wednesday in Lent, Wednesday 31 March. 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.

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 not received a date from Fr Teddy, will you please contact him as soon as possible. Fr Teddy will begin Baptisms if and when lock down ends in June.

First Holy Communion: I have received contact from one parent only with reference to First holy Communion. Please contact me if you have a child (children) whom you consider ready to receive this sacrament.

Confirmation: If you have already been prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please note that I am waiting for a reply from Bishop William.

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 Scripture Reading Programme For The Remaining Weeks Of This Lock Down

I would welcome hearing from anyone who engaged with this programme during Lent. It will be good for me to know what works and what does not work.

Holy Communion For Those Sharing Streamed Mass Daily

If you wish to be able to receive Holy Communion as you join in Mass on Facebook, please contact Fr Teddy. Very few have accepted this invitation.

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.

Princethorpe Foundation Vacancy

Foundation Development Director – Taking fundraising at Princethorpe to new heights.

The Development Director will have responsibility for fundraising and establishing a long-term culture of giving at Princethorpe. Excellent foundations have been laid in terms of alumni relations, data and fundraising campaigns, and the appointee will join a well-established and enthusiastic team. Exciting opportunities lie with major gifts, fundraising for a new £8 million Science Centre and the scope to play a critical role in the long-term success of the Foundation. Reporting to the Head, the Development Director will sit on the Princethorpe College leadership team. Closing date Monday 12 April 2021.

Further information about the role and details of how to apply can be found at www.rsacademics.com Interested candidates are invited to contact Nina Lambert at RSAcademics to arrange a confidential discussion about the role: NinaLambert@rsacademics.com or on 07764 185745

IT Infrastructure and Network Manager - We require an IT Infrastructure and Network Manager to support the Director of Digital Strategy to develop and maintain a rolling strategy for core IT infrastructure across the Princethorpe Foundation. Leading a team, the successful candidate will be responsible for the design, development, testing, implementation, documentation and high-level support of a variety of network and server infrastructure products and solutions internally. The will work closely with the IT Service desk Team Leader to manage the workload of IT Services. Closing date Monday 19 April 2021

Further information at <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1799>

IT Engineer - We are seeking to recruit an IT Engineer to help support our current infrastructure and to help implement new services. The successful candidate will provide first-line IT support to our staff and pupils throughout the Foundation. Listening and engaging, you'll resolve issues and escalate to Managers when appropriate. Closing date Monday 19 April 2021.

Further information at <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1798>

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.

Financial Report To The Parish for 2020 – Due Shortly

The Finance Committee is putting the final touches to the Finance Report for 2020. I expect that this report will be with you around Easter time. .

Contributing to Parish Finances

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 Tickets On Sale Now! Please Purchase Your Ticket By 9.00am Monday 29 March

The College staff and students are renowned for their exceptional musical talents and theatre productions. In this extraordinary year and with Easter celebrations nearly upon us why not book your ticket now. Make yourself comfortable on your favourite sofa or in your favourite chair and pretend you are in the West End - not forgetting to prepare the tray of drinks and nibbles!

Try this YouTube link to whet your appetite

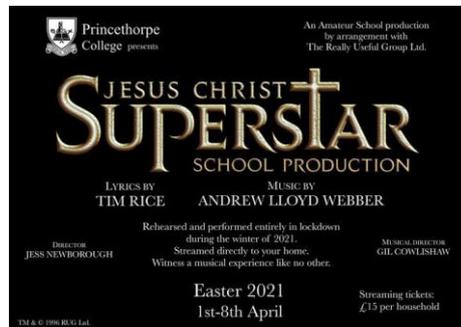
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DM3dYCP-op8>

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 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.



More Knitting Wool Needed, Please

Our busy knitters are racing ahead with making mittens! If you know of anyone that can let us have more wool please leave it in the porch at the Presbytery or let Loretta know and she will collect it. Many thanks

Remember Especially In Your Prayers – For The Living

Joseph 14, who returned home from 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.

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.

Steve who asks for your prayers again.

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 has had good news and is hopefully on the road to recovery.

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 continuing 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.

