

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

**Sunday 4 April 2021**

**Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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**“Do not cling to me, Mary. Go and tell them ‘I have risen’” (John 2:17)**

There is a growing realisation, and consequent fear, among some in church leadership, that parishioners may not return to church when restrictions are lifted. This is a genuine pastoral concern, soon to become a serious financial concern, impacting of the church's charitable projects.

There is a genuine basis for this fear. Catholics have been unable, in the main, to enjoy a sustained sacramental life for over one year. For many, there has not been a sacramental life. Yet, I wonder whether there is a time for Eucharist, sometimes even for Mass. Never before have I known Mass to be so easily available on a seven-day-a-week basis.

We are encouraged to embrace 'the signs of the times'. The reality is that there may be a very different response to church after Covid. Will parishes 'need' the number of Masses formerly offered? As we look to a return (to what, I wonder?), I need to say that three Masses for me on a Sunday is unsustainable. I do feel young at heart but approaching 79 takes its toll. I have become convinced this year that social media is *the* essential tool now for evangelisation. Folks can 'drop in' to Mass – and, thereby 'taste religion - without fearing being identified and then being 'approached' to belong. And, for me, Mass on line has been just that 'tool', for which reason it must not be abandoned.

Of course there is a plethora of Masses available worldwide at the press of a key if that is what is looked for. However, if it is community that is sought, folk will retain a love for a specific streamed Mass. And this forms a real, though virtual, community. Folks are finding their 'spiritual home' on line as they previously found it in a specific building. We are, therefore, invited to widen our embrace of this virtual community and to expand our horizons beyond the physical community of either of our two churches.

The women and men left Calvary that Friday afternoon with nothing to come back to. He was dead. They saw it. Of that there was no doubt. Yet, from Mary Magdalene we must learn a very hard, and perhaps painful, lesson. She was prevented from holding on to the Jesus she previously knew. She was simply told to get the message out there: "*I am alive as I said I would be*". Now tell them!

We are in danger of wounding, even killing, our church if we want or expect the church (or parish life), to which we now return, to be any way like it was in March 2020. (Look how schools and colleges have embraced change!). It took a mere three days and a promise fulfilled ('He is risen') for those in Jerusalem to gain a new perspective on life. Yes, it was a steep learning curve for them. And, yes, it remained rather bland for some weeks after the Resurrection but that was all soon to change. It would very soon be transformed into such a dynamic 'movement' that it rocked civilisation worldwide - forever.

Pope Francis is now calling for a Synodal Church - his name for a church of baptised men and women, each with an owned specific gift and ministry (not the first time this has been called for!). While retaining Eucharist as the heart and soul of 'church' and 'kingdom', Francis' church is not a 'Mass Going' church. His is a church 'owned' by its members. His are parishes 'owned' by parishioners. His is not a church in which a priest talks of 'his parish'!

St Anne's is small, with a big heart. I wonder how ready are you, as we wait now for the Feast of Pentecost, to take ownership of your 'Spiritual Home', your parish? And how ready are you to tease out just what this will mean for you and for us - and for your 'virtual' parishioners? I am excited and energised at this thought. How about you?

**I wish you a deeply joy-filled Easter season.**

*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.**

<b>Sunday 4 April</b>	8.00am	Wappenbury	Easter Sunday - <b>only available to those who have reserved a seat</b>
	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live Stream</i> )	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	Easter Sunday- <b>only available to those who have reserved a seat</b>
<b>Monday 5 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live stream</i> )	Easter Octave
<b>Tuesday 6 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live stream</i> )	Easter Octave
<b>Wednesday 7 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live Stream</i> )	Easter Octave
<b>Thursday 8 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live stream</i> )	Easter octave
<b>Friday 9 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live stream</i> )	Easter Octave
<b>Saturday 10 April</b>	9.30am	Wappenbury ( <i>live stream</i> )	Easter Octave
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#### **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.

#### **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](mailto: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 Vacancies**

#### **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](http://www.rsacademics.com) Interested candidates are invited to contact Nina Lambert at RSAcademics to arrange a confidential discussion about the role: [NinaLambert@rsacademics.com](mailto: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>

**Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant – Crescent School, Rugby** - We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Teaching Assistant to join our Key Stage 1 team, working for approximately 25 hours a week, for September 2021. Optional additional hours working as a part of our wrap-around care team are available. Closing date Tuesday 4 May 2021. Further information at <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1803>

**Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant – Crescent School, Rugby** - We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Teaching Assistant to join our Key Stage 2 team, working for approximately 20 hours a week. This would be spread over three days per week, days and times to be discussed, for September 2021. Optional additional hours working as a part of our wrap-around care team are available. Closing date Tuesday 4 May 2021

Further information available <https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1802>

#### **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](mailto:lkpcurtis@hotmail.com) and she will send on the form to complete and return to me, please.

### **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

**Anne**, as she buried her father, Sean RIP, in Derry, this week. Hold Anne and Karen in your prayers.

**Joseph 14**, thanks 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.

**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.

**Knud Blaesberg**, 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.

**Di**, who has started her treatment this week.

**Paul Catterall** who is recovering after a serious accident at work before Christmas. Hold Paul, his wife Theresa, and family in your 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.

**Steve** who asks for your prayers again.

**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.

**Marlene** who is awaiting the results of recent tests and waiting for a course of treatment.

**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.

**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.

**Jo** who is recovering at home from her operation. Pray for Jo and Jonnie.

**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.

**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)**



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

**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

**Edie Evans (100) RIP**, who died last Wednesday. Please pray for Becci, Janet, Paddy and all the family. Edie is elder sister to Peggy Blunsom (below).

**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.

**John RIP** Remember Clare in your prayers.

**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.

