

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

Sunday 11 April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

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“The Quality of Mercy is Not Strained” (Shakespeare: ‘Merchant of Venice’ – Act 4 Sc 1)

Easter is the Christian season that affords hope to all for a better future. The roll out of vaccines and the imminent reduction in social restrictions promises a brighter future. The death of HRH The Prince Philip induces within us both a sadness at the demise of one so unselfishly generous with his time and talents as it reminds us of the support we ourselves have received and shared throughout this past year.

“They also serve who stand and wait” (Milton ‘On His Blindness’) can be extended, I suggest, to encompass the patience of those who care for others during long term illness. Very many people do, indeed, epitomise Milton’s words. Today as we honour in worship the aspect of God that is God’s mercy, I will pray for you specifically at each Mass. Silently and without fuss, you mirror those qualities of mercy so descriptive of the unconditional love of God. Indeed, it is this quality that Jesus highlights repeatedly in His parables (*Matthew 15 & 25; Luke 15 & 16*). Without need, hope or desire of reward, you perform daily those tasks, often unpleasant, that make possible and bearable for another, their long term suffering. You give without expectation of any recompense or even gratitude. You give because you believe that is the correct way to behave.

Portia, in Shakespeare’s *Merchant of Venice*, is surely right that *“the quality of mercy is not strained”*, meaning constrained. Mercy cannot be constrained because mercy is of the very essence of God. If you have shared mercy or if you have been the recipient of mercy, you have seen and known God because *“God is love”* (1 John 4: 7-21) and mercy is that expression of God’s unconditional love for the human race, mirrored in the visible love of one human being for another. Indeed, the very mission of Jesus was summed up before He even began His ministry. Quoting Isaiah, He read, in the temple in Jerusalem: *“He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed (Luke 4: 17-21)”*.

In a Catholic parish as small, in population, as is St Anne’s Wappenbury, *“the quality of mercy”* is certainly not constrained. What happens daily in this parish, and within the virtual community of St Anne’s, is a testimony to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Simply note the weekly prayer list. These are people known to you and cared for by the very ‘ordinary people’ who live the Christian life in an extraordinary and quiet manner. You give flesh to the silent love of God for us all. Mercy, Pope Francis writes, is *“the air we must learn to breath”* and the *“the true face of love”*. I can easily name 30+ people performing this role of ‘mercy’ daily and without any fuss. None makes the headlines. None is the recipient of accolades. Yet such acts of mercy, performed hourly, daily, weekly - even annually for those with long term illness - demonstrate that Jesus Christ is, indeed, risen and is alive for all and is the powerhouse for the mercy you show and receive.

We will pray for her majesty Queen Elizabeth and family today. We will give thanks for Prince Philip and his contribution to our world. Their lives epitomise mercy. Please do not hide the mercy you yourselves show to others- simply give thanks. And please acknowledge the mercy you receive from others - and give thanks as well.

As social restrictions are modified, enjoy the accompanying ‘freedom’ and, please, keep yourselves and others safe. Let us not become lax with our hands, face and space.

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 11 April	8.00am	Wappenbury	
	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	
Monday 12 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Tuesday 13 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Wednesday 14 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
Thursday 15 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Friday 16 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 17 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Sunday 18 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 8.00am MASS AT WAPPENBURY ON SUNDAY 18 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 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.

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 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>

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.

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.

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

Thank You Very Much

Thank you all for the many cards and gifts you gave me over Easter and for your generous Easter Offering. I appreciate your concern for me and your attention to my well being.

I am due this week to receive my second vaccination on Friday afternoon.

Thank you to James Keogh and Terry Hill

Many thanks to James who came forward to help Mary Hewitt when her tyre blew out on the way to Princethorpe last Sunday. Also to Terry Hill and family who followed on to find them and see if they could help in anyway.

Remember Especially In Your Prayers – For The Living

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

Joseph 14, thanks God for all your prayers.

Bill as he begins further treatment on Monday.

Sue, Hold Sue and family in your prayers. Sue continues further chemotherapy treatment.

Di, who is in her third week of treatment.

Shelley, friend of Janet and Jimmy Murray, who is having extensive treatment.

Fr Gilberto Escarati MSC Provincial who is in intensive care in Brazil with Covid.

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.

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.

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.



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

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.

Young people as they struggle with hopeful return home for Christmas.

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

Declan Ryan RIP, Peter Griffin's Aunt's nephew, who died last week. Please pray for Peter's wider family.

Edie Evans (100) RIP, who died recently. 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

Frs. Gus Polong MSC (69) and Jake Pascual MSC (84) who died from Covid in Philippines last week.

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 Sears 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.

