

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

Sunday 25 April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

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*“Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples”
Luke 11: 1-13*

When my mobile phone buzzes at 9.25am, I know now that there will be a message asking for prayers that very morning for someone whose human frailty has become more obvious than previously and, perhaps, even overwhelming. A person of ‘faith’ is reaching out for something. And here I experience what I have not experienced previously, ‘ordinary folk’ reaching out to what they believe is a praying community.

Many messages recount surprised medical teams, simply saying to their patients, ‘whatever you are doing, keep doing it’, surprised as they are at the accepting and hope-filled attitude of ‘ordinary folk’. Because for very many people, prayer works. I know of no real answer as to why prayer works, whatever ‘prayer works’ means. And it will mean different things for different people.

Similarly, the response to prayer will effect people in a variety of ways, some uplifting, others crushing. One thing at least I do know is that, during this past fifteen months, I have not had a prayer list as long as the current list throughout my entire priestly life. Receiving a request five minutes before Mass to be remembered in prayer that very morning is now quite commonplace.

So I am compelled to ask myself whether the petitioners are looking for specific outcomes for their prayer or is their prayer to be considered within a *“traditional behaviourist perspective...framed within the category of superstitious behaviour”* (Frederick Skinner 1904). Prayer might well be best understood as ‘reaching out’. Skinner again suggests that *“occasional, erratic, coincidental answers to prayers, reinforce praying as behaviour that resists extinction”* because of one’s early formative years within a secure family setting.

Prayer is being *in* the presence of the transcendent God. If praying produced the prayed-for outcomes, no prayed-for mothers would ever die of breast cancer, no prayed-for teenagers would ever die on the operating table, and tens of millions of praying people would never die from starvation. Clearly, all of their prayers, and their parents’ prayers, and their children’s prayers, and their spouses’ prayers, did not have the desired healing effect. And we still have a pandemic.....and we still pray!

Various research projects conclude that *“there is simply no evidence that such mental messaging, through prayer, to an invisible God works”*. Those who do engage in prayer would totally disagree.

Perhaps Blaise Pascal can help us here. He concluded that the heart has its reasons that the head knows nothing about.. And is this not just the experience of so many people, seeking ‘understanding’ in their vulnerability and their frailty. We want and need the power of prayer which cements the connection between Creator and created. We all know that life can sometimes be unbearable and overwhelming - and prayer gives that inner strength, enduring hope and enhances empathy.

What does prayer do for you?

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 25 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	
Monday 26 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Pat and Helen
Tuesday 27 April		No streamed Mass today	
Wednesday 28 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live Stream</i>)	
Thursday 29 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	Mont RIP (Roy's brother)
Friday 30 April	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
Saturday 1 May	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	12noon	Princethorpe	Edi Evans funeral service (invited guests only)
Sunday 2 May	9.30am	Wappenbury (<i>live stream</i>)	
	11.00am	Princethorpe	

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 the dates will be notified by mid May at the latest.

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

Events Assistants – Casual - We are recruiting Events Assistants to work on a casual, part-time basis, for the Estates team, providing support services to all of the Foundation schools - Princethorpe College, The Crescent in Rugby and Crackley Hall School in Kenilworth. Flexibility will be required in respect of working hours, with afternoon, evening and weekend working required. The duties will primarily involve assisting with setting up for events, cleaning down at the end of events, car park stewarding, portage and some general cleaning. This is a 'hands-on' role facilitating the proper functioning of the schools to ensure a safe and satisfactory working, learning and recreational environment. Closing date Monday 26 April 2021. Further information at

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1807>

Carpenter - We are recruiting a part-time Carpenter to be responsible for providing a carpentry and joinery service for the Foundation's sites; they will undertake carpentry and maintenance work to ensure that all areas of the College and other Foundation properties are maintained to a high standard. A proactive approach is required and the successful candidate will be expected to work in accordance with the Foundation's Health and Safety requirements. This role is a year round, part time position. Closing date Monday 26 April 2021. Further information at

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1805>

Teacher of Art – Crescent School, Rugby - Required from September 2021, an enthusiastic, innovative and highly motivated teacher to teach Art from Year 3 to Year 6. Art is a highly valued area of the curriculum at Crescent. Our children love to be creative and are motivated to do well and to learn new skills. We are looking for an expert practitioner to engage and inspire the pupils, to build progression and development into their studies. All classes have one lesson a week devoted to art and will be taught in a specialist teaching room, subject to Covid guidelines at the time. You will be expected to plan, deliver, assess and report Art to all children from Year 3 to Year 6. Closing date Friday 30 April 2021. Further information at

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1804>

Teacher of History and Politics - Required for September 2021, a well-qualified graduate to teach Politics and History to A-level as part of a maternity cover in a flourishing and successful department, on a full time or significant part time basis. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players. There is the potential for Acting Head of Politics responsibility for the right candidate. We anticipate this position will be for one academic year. Closing date Tuesday 4 May 2021. Single accommodation may be available. Princethorpe has its own pay scale which is above national scales. **Further information available at**

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1809>

Examination Invigilators - We are looking to recruit additional exam invigilators for our forthcoming exam periods. Working hours are typically from 8.30am until 11.00am for morning sessions and 12.45pm until 3.30pm for afternoon sessions. Our invigilators often work whole day sessions if required and flexibility is crucial to the effective invigilation of exams. These appointments are offered on a casual basis depending upon the examination timetables of the school. The position will involve invigilating pupils during their exams; this could be in a large hall or on a one to one basis. The roles will be based at Princethorpe College. Closing date Tuesday 4 May 2021. Further information at

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=1806>

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>

Contributing to Parish Finances

Thank you to those of you who regularly contribute every week by Standing Order to the parish finances. Should you attend the 11.00am Mass on a Sunday and you are unable to contribute by Standing Order, there is a bowl for the Sunday Collection as you leave the Chapel. Thank you.

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 has completed further treatment..

Sue, join Sue in giving thanks – her surgeon informed her that she is in remission. Sue will have further treatment in about six weeks time. Hold Jo, James and Adelle in your prayers.

Di, who completed four weeks of radiotherapy last Friday.

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

Celia who is unwell.

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.

Rosey and Johnny who unborn child died just before birth.

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.

Jane Phayer who is recovering from a knee operation. Keep Tony and Jane in your prayers

Pat Gandy who is also recovering from a knee operation. Keep Paul and Pat in your prayers.

Mark Gandy who is receiving for cancer.

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 celebrated seventy one years of marriage last week.

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.



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

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.

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)

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

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

Kieran who died tragically recently.

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

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 recently.

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 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.

