

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

Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

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Why I should be in church during Holy Week 2024

Whatever our age, we all live with a cocktail of human emotional experiences, some that lift us to the heights of joy filled exuberance, others that want to crush our spirits, others leaving us in a limbo of uncertainty, perhaps even fear. Our culture wants us constantly to 'move on', away from any experiences that would leave us feeling less than excited about life.

Yet our emotional responses to life's situations constitute a life enhancing reservoir, inviting us to a deepening understanding of ourselves and, as people of faith, understanding of our God, made human in Jesus Christ.

This Holy Week 2024 affords a further opportunity to understand and to appreciate just who Jesus Christ is for us - Jesus who was a complete human being like you and me. Let's not forget that Jesus was not a hologram, or a figment of any early author's imagination. When we listen to the bible this week with our heart more than with our head; when we allow what we hear to find an echo in those oft experienced moments of our lives, then something wonderful can happen. Our lived experiences are validated as God-given gifts to us, requiring of us a response, grounded in solitude, to give renewed life to us. Solitude understood as time alone, content with self.

Many will echo the experience and the response of King Charles and Princess Kate to their recent medical diagnosis. We are touched by its unexpectedness and its suddenness. Few, indeed, if any, will remain untouched by this. And, at the same time, we remain alive to the experiences of those in Moscow yesterday, as we do to the people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, and probably every country in the world, not forgetting the experience of those in our own varied families and local communities.

Each event will expose a raft of raw human experiences and will invite a truly human response, both personal and communal. During this final week of the life of Jesus, as we celebrate it during this Holy Week, we can surely identify with the joy of a party with friends, and how uplifting that would be. At other times, some may know the bitter taste of betrayal, the isolation of abandonment, that sense of being totally mis-understood and judged accordingly (witness the PO scandal), the sheer fear of intense physical pain, and seeing the cowardice of those who seemed so supportive and yet let us down. This is the lot of being human.

I suggest, then, that Holy Week is best understood and appreciated when we touch our own humanity, the constant ups and downs of our day-to-day experiences. With all that comes the challenge: to what extent can I imitate or echo the response of Jesus in my life? For us who know the fragility of our own humanity, there is the waiting, a waiting in certain faith for change, for resurrection, for new vision and new experiences. But it is a waiting, not to be hurried. And it is surely within this waiting that growth is achieved, experienced, celebrated.

Have you time this week to experience, and to wait, with others together in church?

Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 24 March 2024

Sunday 24 March	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Palm Sunday Refreshments after Mass No Children's Liturgy (term time only)
Monday 25 March	9.00am Mass	Wappenbury	
Tuesday 26 March	9.00am Mass	Wappenbury	
Wednesday 27 March	12.00pm Chrism Mass	Cathedral	Blessing of Holy Oils for 2024/2025
Thursday 28 March	7.00pm Holy Thursday	Princethorpe	Mass of the Last Supper and "Watching"
Friday 29 March	3.00pm Good Friday	Princethorpe	Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ
Saturday 30 March	7.00pm	Wappenbury	A modified version of the Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 March	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Refreshments after Mass No Children's Liturgy (term time only)

Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office
*The St Anne's Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance,
 and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures always.*

*The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or
safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.*

Sunday Collection – 17 March 2024

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
17 March 2024	£96.27	CAFOD: £10.00	£79.00	

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Saturday/Sunday 20/21 April	Overnight	Wappenbury	Episcopal Visitation by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick Episcopal Vicar

Piety Stall Now In The Prayer Room – Princethorpe

Fergus has the key to the Piety Stall at Princethorpe if anyone would like to buy any cards. There are all sorts from birthdays, weddings, get well, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation. All cards are £1.00 each. There are few religious items too if you would like to have a little look. Money will go to the St Anne's Development Fund. Thank you.

Celebrations – Wedding Anniversaries

Do you have anniversaries that you would like to share with the parish? I am sure many would like to pray for you on these occasions.

Children's Liturgy Information

The following dates resumption of the Children's Liturgy after the Easter holiday are:

Sunday 21 April

Sunday 28 April

Please add them to your diary and I wholeheartedly encourage you to come to Mass with your children as a family.

Update To Both Lists

The Prayer List for the Living: several people are mentioned who appear to have been in hospital for a very long time. Please let me, or Loretta, know if their situation has changed.

If you wish anyone of the Prayer List, for who those who have died, and wish an amendment please let me, or Loretta, know.

Wappenbury Honey Available At St Anne's

Denis McDaid's bees produce the most delicious local honey – can't get any more local than next door to St Anne's! £5.00 a jar – just perfect on toast!

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

King Charles III and Princess Kate

Noah aged 4, in Birmingham Children's Hospital with a rare brain tumour

Carl, son in law to Elizabeth Wilson, seriously ill in UHCW.

Emma, a friend of Mary Owen, very seriously ill with cancer. Please pray for Emma and all her family and friends

Margaret, a friend of Fen Whittle, who is receiving cancer treatment. Please pray for all her family and friends who are supporting Margaret.

Tianna, who has had a grade 3 brain tumour removed and has begun Proton treatment. Please pray for Tianna's family

Yvonne who is receiving on-going treatment. As with all those who are ill, Yvonne asks for your prayers.

Michael, parish groundsman, who is in UHCW receiving on-going treatment.

Con (Marie Malin's father) who is now at home with carers.

Roy Pendleton who is in the Rehabilitation Hospital Leamington Spa.

Fr Michael Curran MSC who fell recently and broke his hip.

Tracey, not a parishioner, friend of Julie Satchwell, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and other complications.

Ian Milligan, and Ian's wife Julie, Basil's sister, still fragile and unwell. Thank you for your continuing prayers.

Alice, who is having a difficult time. Pray for her and James, and David and Sonia.

John (18yrs) who has been diagnosed with life changing cancer. Please hold John, his family and friends, and the medical profession dealing with this and similar situations, in your prayers.

Margaret, a supporter of the Shoe Box appeal, would like to thank you all for your prayers.

Joyce, friend of Bernie Sambrook, who has begun chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Celia Dupre, friend of Jane and Tony Phayer. Receiving palliative hospice care in the USA.

Yve and Sean Butterfield, friends of Marie Kerrigan. Please pray for all the family at this very difficult time.

Sue Kimberley and her daughter Adele. Both are receiving treatment for cancer.

Sophie (22) who returned from university recently. Hold Sophie and family in your prayers.

Patricia, who is recovering very slowly from an operation and needs our prayers.

Heather, who experienced her treatment recently. She is recovering at home at present.

Janet and Jim Murray. Janet's younger sister, Andrena, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please hold all in your prayers. Please also hold Janet's other sister in your prayers.

Alan Roberts and family, Adrian and Melanie. Alan's wife, Judith Roberts, died last year. Hold Alan, Adrian, and Melanie in your prayers.

Frances who is awaiting the results of tests.

Sally who welcomes your prayers.

Jenny who is having treatment for cancer.

Carole, Rev Hugh Priestner's wife, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Padraig, please continue your prayers.

Margaret, cousin of Veronica, who has acute renal failure.

Irene with her continuing health difficulties. Hold Liam and Irene's parents in your prayers.

Celia who is unwell

Elizabeth who is waiting for a serious operation.

Anthony Platt, friend of Kathy Bond

Paul, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore.

Frances, friend of Marie Kerrigan, as she awaits an operation, hoping to save sight in one eye.

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

John, Pray for Clare and family.

Veronica and Paul, please continue your prayers for them.

John (75) diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Karen, waiting results of an exploratory investigation.

Frank

Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week

Kathleen Shanahan RIP, sister to Fr. Kevin Shanahan MSC (Texas), who died unexpectedly recently.

Bernard Gallagher RIP, brother to Fr Frank Gallagher MSC (retired), who died unexpectedly recently.

Fr Chris Greaney RIP who died unexpectedly recently. Fr Chris celebrated Mass here on many occasions.

Fr Paul Lomas RIP who died unexpectedly recently.

Paul Gandy's sister RIP, who died recently.

Ellie Taylor RIP, friend of Marie Kerrigan. Ellie was a past parent of Princethorpe College. Please pray for Ellie's family.

Frances McCallum RIP, Mary McGowan niece, who died in Scotland after a short illness. Please pray for Mary and all the family.

Judith Roberts RIP (70s) who died recently.

Mary McKeown RIP

Mary McCorrison RIP

Michael McCorrison RIP

Paul Spencer RIP, grandad to Lumen for whom we prayed a lot in recent years.

Margaret Huett RIP, Stretton on Dunsmore.

Simon Trotter RIP (65), Pray for Patsy, Oliver, Lucy and Amelia.

Bill Busby RIP. Remember Yvonne in your prayers.

Barbara RIP, Bernie Sambrook's mother. Pray for Bernie and family.

Jean RIP, aunt to Tim Malin. Pray for Tim and Maria and all the family.

John RIP Remember Clare in your prayers.

John Dobie RIP

Myrtle Forster (64) RIP Remember Marie in your prayers.

Mont RIP Remember Roy in your prayers.

Catholic Life And Sacraments At St Anne's

As in all parishes, sacramental life is important for families at whatever age children and adults may be. Here are some basic guidelines about arranging any of the sacraments. Contact should be made to the parish office at fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk or with stanne@rcaob.org.uk

Baptism: Parents requesting Baptism for their child(ren) should contact Fr. Teddy at least three months in advance of their desired date. They should have some suggested dates in mind for the ceremony. Contact as above.

First Holy Communion: Parents who wish to present their child(ren) (under 16) for first Holy Communion during 2024 should contact Fr Teddy. For older children and adults, contact Fr Teddy directly for information.

Confirmation: Parents, with children under 16 years of age who request Confirmation, should contact Fr Teddy, and those over the age of 16 should contact Fr Teddy direct, for Confirmation during 2025.

Marriage: Couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in St Anne's Parish must contact Fr Teddy directly at least twelve months prior to their desired date or email the parish secretary at stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk. **Chapel dates, for either church, will not be reserved until this has happened.** In addition, couples should not make any final plans for anything related to their wedding until they have confirmed the church date in writing.

Information about the Catholic Faith. Those wishing to explore the Catholic Faith and who may wish to become members of the Catholic Community should contact Fr Teddy.

Sacrament of the Sick (formerly known as The Last Rites). Those who wish to receive this sacrament, or to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you are in hospital or about to go into hospital for any procedure, please contact Fr Teddy. You do not need to be seriously ill to request this sacrament.

Our Lady's Primary School Princethorpe: Parents wishing information about this school should contact the school directly on admin@ourladysprincethorpe.co.uk or on 01926 632385. Or contact Fr Teddy as above

Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation

Cleaner – Princethorpe College - Required to start in April, we seek to recruit a part-time cleaner to join our friendly and professional Estates Department, working alongside our team to clean designated areas of the school premises.

This is a practical role facilitating the proper functioning of the school to ensure a high-quality working, learning and recreational environment. You will want to provide a class-leading service to staff, pupils and visitors and be enthusiastic, honest, trustworthy, and reliable.

This is a permanent 25-hour a week, all year-round role, though term time only hours will be considered for the right candidate, and this can be discussed at interview.

The working pattern is Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm (including a one-hour unpaid break, split across the day).

The salary grade is D5 to D7, £11.78 to £12.07 per hour (£22,971 to £23,537 per annum full time equivalent). Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience. Closing date Tuesday 2 April 2024. Further information [here](#)

PA to the Head and Office Manager – Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth - We seek to employ a first-class professional to support the Head and to lead the administrative team in our busy and thriving preparatory school. This is a full-time, all-year-round post, ideally starting week commencing 6 May 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. An earlier start may also be possible by agreement.

The successful applicant will have a high level of written and oral communication skills together with excellent organisational and IT ability. They will also be able to manage a high-volume workload in a dynamic, busy and friendly environment. Enthusiasm, flexibility, initiative, discretion and a sense of humour are amongst the key qualities we require. Experience of working in a school or a customer-facing environment would be strong recommendations.

The postholder will provide PA support to the Head to assist in the smooth running of the school and lead and manage our administrative staff, including our Receptionists, School Secretarial Staff and Registrar. They will be attuned to the ethos of our caring Christian school family which is a key part of the Princethorpe Foundation.

This is an excellent opportunity to join a Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including discounted places for staff, a pension scheme and a cycle to work scheme.

Salary is between £27,000 and £32,000 (FTE) per annum by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website www.crackleyhall.co.uk for more information about our thriving School, which offers a rich curriculum and strong sense of community.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 9 April 2024, at 12:00 noon**. Early applications are invited, and we reserve the right to bring the closing date forward. Further information [here](#)

Other opportunities at Princethorpe College – Exam Invigilators, SEND Support staff, Cover Teaching Staff, Games Coaching Staff. These vacancies come up from time to time. Please use the link [here](#) to find more information.