

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

Sunday 7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

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***"Happy Easter" – and then??***

*"Easter Triduum services drew enormous crowds in the UK. Westminster Cathedral, the largest Catholic Church in the UK (3000 seats), reportedly had to turn people away as the church could not hold the entire crowd that turned out for Good Friday" (Catholic Herald).*



Westminster Cathedral Good Friday 2024

The days after the crucifixion and the 'rumoured' resurrection of Jesus must have been utterly confusing for the young adults whom Jesus befriended during the previous three years. Just what were they to believe? Could they even believe their own eyes? Dead on Friday; alive and well on Sunday!

Thomas was absent when Jesus first came on the scene after Easter Sunday. We can well understand him. *"Alive, you say? I want proof"*, he said. And he had to wait another week before he got that. *"Thomas got a bum rap. He was no more doubting than the rest of the disciples and the only reason he doubted and the others didn't was because they had seen the resurrected Christ and he hadn't yet"* (anon).

As do so many people in 2024 (especially young adults) who do not readily follow 'traditional beliefs or ways of religious practice; young people who are, by nature, of a questioning mind. They need to know before they chose, which seems sensible, don't you think? Yet, there is a problem in that sometimes, even often, we, supposedly 'practicing Christians/Catholics', fail to provide them with that 'proof' which is neither about logic nor reasoning. It is surely about authenticity, genuineness – our lifestyles matching whatever 'teaching' we profess. And that is our tough call, yes?!

Folk of all ages are, in one way or another, searching; young adults especially. They are, perhaps unknowingly, followers of St Augustine: *"our hearts were made for you, O God, and they will never rest until they rest in you"*. And it is 'proof' of this that they seek, namely, that our hearts (hearts of adult 'seasoned' Christians) indeed need God for our serenity, for our direction and for our compass in life, and that only with God can we say we are truly content.

Could this be what so many folk searched for last Good Friday in London and elsewhere, authenticity in a world culture that presents as so contrived and false? It is proof of this that Thomas looked for. He was surely not being awkward, rather authentic; an early agnostic, if you like, whom many of our young adults could well emulate.

***So, what about you, now post Easter Sunday? Have you checked your compass recently?***

**Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 7 April 2024**

<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Refreshments in the Prayer Room No Children's Liturgy (term time only)
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	<b>Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	No Mass		
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
	7.00pm	Wappenbury	<b>St Anne's Parish Council meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>			<b>Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</b>
	7.00pm	Sacred Heart, Bilton	<b>Meeting of clergy and laity for Deanery Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	12.00pm	Wappenbury	<b>Baptism of Emerson Spink</b>
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

**Good Friday Collection – 29 March 2024**

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
<b>29 March 2024</b>		Piety £25.00		£164.41

**Thank You**

My grateful thanks for your very generous Easter offering for your priest. This is much appreciated.

**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
Saturday 27 April	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Summer Tidy-up
Saturday 18 May	10.00am – 12.00noon	Wappenbury	Summer Tidy-up
Saturday 15 June	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Summer Tidy-up
Saturday 6 July	6.00pm Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Summer Gathering
Saturday 13 July	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Summer Tidy-up
Saturday 10 August	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Summer Tidy-up
Saturday 14 September	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Autumn Tidy-up

### 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.

### 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](mailto:fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk) or with [stanne@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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@ourladyprincethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admin@ourladyprincethorpe.co.uk) or on 01926 632385. Or contact Fr Teddy as above.

### 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.

### 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!

### Knitting Wool Needed, Please

Veronica is knitting furiously for the shoeboxes. Please can you see if you have any balls of wool in a cupboard that you don't need. Leave any donations under the table in St Anne's porch. 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.

### **Vacancy Notice For The Archdiocese Office**

The Archdiocese Office in Birmingham have asked if we might display details of a vacancy for an Administrative Support Office.

The link for the details is [here](#)

### **Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living**

**Samantha and Peter Swann.** Samantha's older son, Ricky, who was killed in a recent tragic road accident together with his friend, Josh. Both men are in their twenties.

**Fr Manus Ferry MSC,** who is recently diagnosed with cancer.

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

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

**Mary,** recovering from a knee operation.

**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**

**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**

**Ricky and his friend Josh RIP**

**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**

**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.

## Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation

**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](http://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](#)

**Minibus Driver – Princethorpe College** - We seek to recruit a minibus driver to join our friendly and professional Estates Department, to drive the Foundation minibuses to transport pupils, primarily to sports fixtures, in a competent and safe manner. The candidate will be enthusiastic, reliable and have good communication skills.

This is a zero-hour fixed-term casual contract with consignments of work to be advised in advance by the line manager.

The salary grade is D5 to D8, £11.78 to £12.24 per hour. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website [www.princethorpe.co.uk](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk) for more information about our thriving School, which offers a rich curriculum and strong sense of community. Continuing Professional Development is encouraged and personal visits to the school are welcome.

This is an excellent opportunity to join a Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including a cycle to work scheme. Closing date Monday 24 June 2024. 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.