

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

Sunday 14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

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Sunday 21 April – Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund

“To Dream the Impossible Dream....” (Man of La Mancha)

That all too common human experience of seeing one's dreams shattered in an unexpected instance is indeed painful and yet real. It is all too raw to be glossed over in any desire to 'move on' or to 'get over it' and the painful fog of disillusionment is not easily dispersed. Something has to happen to provide the fresh hope that the 'impossible dream' can, again, be re-gained.

In 'Man of La Mancha' (*Dale Wasserman 1965*) Don Quixote and Aldonza converse about the impossibility of change in their respective confused worlds. He cannot see his courage while she is prevented, by life's experience, from seeing her real beauty. Similarly, the two young men, in St Luke's story (Luke 24: 13-25) can but get as far away as physically possible from the place of their disillusionment in the 'disaster' of Good Friday. It was as they were running away from reality that the presence of Jesus broke through their disillusionment and confusion. Read this passage and see, for yourself, Jesus at his therapeutic best, listening and helping to re-align their reality.

Most of us begin adult life with dreams of one kind or another. Many, indeed, allow dreams to become illusions and pursue these with all their might. At ordination, I dreamt of being the most wonderful priest there could be, following two brothers into that vocation. On your married day, I have no doubt that you, too, had dreams of what your relationship and, later, your family would be: the best there could be.

Through life, we learn ways of realising our dreams or, perhaps, adapting to the pressures of life that, while keeping the dream 'alive', we seem powerless as it tends towards the place of 'illusion'. The dream can seem an impossible one, prompting us to settle for less than we had hoped for. Seldom, indeed, do we see any need for CPD in relationships. 'My priesthood', 'our relationship' is good, we say, and we mean it, because there are so many good priests and so many wonderful relationships around.

Yet like the two young men found, by Jesus, wandering on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus after their failure on Good Friday, we can so easily settle for the 'good' while giving up on the real possibility of the 'very best'. Ours can, at times, seem an impossible dream, without us realising that, with a slight change in the compass direction, the very best of our initial dream can still be ours. We can give re-birth to a collapsed dream. We can be the 'old folk' who show the 'young folk' that there is room for both: the young having 'visions' of a longed-for future, and the old folk not giving up on dreams of a former time in life.

Easter does not belong to a former time in another land. Easter is now where you and I are. You just have to sit by the roadside (Luke 24) and make room for Jesus to offer a new perspective on your life's experience; to show you that the best is still there for you, now.

“I will pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old folk will dream dreams, your young folk will see illusions”, wrote the prophet Joel 2:28 (301-201 BC).

Can you say now, with whom do you identify in Joel's analysis?

Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 14 April 2024

Sunday 14 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Third Sunday of Easter Refreshments in the Prayer Room No Children's Liturgy (term time only)
Monday 15 April	9.30am Mass	Our Lady's School	
Tuesday 16 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Wednesday 17 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Thursday 18 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Friday 19 April	No Mass		Laurie Spears (Loretta's Mother – 16th ann)
Saturday 20 April	No Mass		Episcopal Visitation of Canon Paul Fitzpatrick
Sunday 21 April	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Fourth Sunday of Easter Episcopal Visitation of Canon Paul Fitzpatrick Second Collection Clergy Training Fund Refreshments after both Masses Children's Liturgy in Prayer Room

Episcopal Visitation by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick

Canon Paul will celebrate both Masses next Sunday 21 April at St Anne's and Princethorpe College. Refreshments will be available after both Masses. May I encourage you all to come to either of the Masses to meet Canon Paul and chat to him about life in St Anne's parish. Let Canon Paul see what a vibrant, caring and committed community we are.

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.

Good Friday Collection – 7 April 2024

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
7 April 2024	£100.60		£92.42	

Diary Dates			
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 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 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.

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.

Shoe-Boxing Never Stops

Pam and John's latest efforts involved washing bundles of small, soft toys for the shoeboxes. All have been donated from various sources.

Leopard on a washing line – of course, nothing unusual in Pam and John's life! Can you help by collecting items for the boxes, please?



Cleaners Needed For St Anne's Church

The small group of parishioners that help to keep St Anne's church spic and span need help! Loretta will have the list at both Masses tomorrow, Sunday 21 April. Bring your diary and sign up. It takes two people a couple of hours to clean thoroughly. The only thing you need is access to the garage to collect the vacuum cleaner etc, just let me know when you are coming to gain access. Any day of the week is usually good. Many thanks

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](#)

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass For Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4 May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Roy Pendleton who is currently residing in Galanos House Southam.

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 Christy Coleman whose sister died last week in Ireland.

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

Mary who had a knee replacement some weeks ago. Hold Mary and her husband, David, in your prayers.

Peter Power, who has begun radiotherapy treatment. Pray for Peter and Una, who is a wonderful support to Peter.

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 is undergoing 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

Cissie Power, Peter's mother RIP, who passed away last week in Warwick aged 96.

Ricky and his friend Josh RIP

Sr Mary Coleman RIP who died in Ireland last week. Mary is sister to Fr Christy Coleman MSC

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. Who died last week in Ireland.

Stacy Busby, Bill's niece, Stacy had lots of health problems and was found, passed away, in her own home.

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

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 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.