

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

Sunday 28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

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Second Collection Today – Emergency CAFOD appeal for Sudan

Having spent the weekend with Canon Paul (who was here representing Archbishop Bernard) I am gradually getting used to the restructuring of parishes and deaneries within the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The age profile of clergy is becoming ever more obvious as a 'problem in waiting' and one crying out for some 'solution'. I have seldom been bothered much with this aspect of church life, preferring somewhat greater freedom to innovate as and when! Yet, needs must, it seems.

A visit last week from Carole, an old friend, (not her real name). prompted me to think again. She called apparently for no reason other than to say hello and to catch up. I suspected there was more. "*There must be more*", she said. "*There just has to be more*". Her 'first' in chemistry at Oxford leading to a well-paid career, together with her enjoyable life with her husband, John, and their two children, was leading her to question her direction in life. Materially she wanted for little. Life, she had thought, could not get any better. And yet....

Whether it was covid or the ease with which she could have anything she wanted, it was beginning to stir within her a certain feeling – a 'longing' or an 'emptiness' she called it. A Catholic education all here young life had fostered within her a deep moral sense that she treasured. Sunday Mass, while frequent, yet not as 'regular' as she would like it to be, and did little for her. So many seemed, she said, just to 'go' to Mass and then just go home. "*There must be more*", she kept repeating.

I told her that she was not alone and that many, especially adults in their early adult years (and into their prime of life – and later), were similarly 'searching'. What life was offering was beginning to be experienced as an illusion, even a 'lie'. What was being offered seemed like was '*counterfeit currency*' and did not 'buy' the contentment they, at this time in their lives, looked.

We chatted for over an hour during which I assured her that, even in the third part of life, this search continues. And we surmised, without being too dogmatic, that what was missing (the 'more') was a relationship with Jesus Christ, as a 'waypoint, to that relationship with God, the Father, that we had heard so much about in school and in church. A relationship with Jesus that was intimate, vulnerable, honest, authentic.

I have no doubt that we will, with time, get used to the re-structuring of deaneries, parishes, even diocese. Too few priests of appropriate age, too many churches costing too much to manage them, too few parishioners to enable churches to remain open every day. Re-structuring alone will not achieve the promised outcome of vibrant communities of people caring deeply for each other. Carole's '*more*' is called for.

The 'more' that Heather looks for is already present within Catholic communities in many parishes. It is present here in St Anne's parish and Cannon Paul was not slow in praising you for this. Yet, it cries out for re-awaking in us all. All else we aim for is but a 'way point' to that personal knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ which is primary.

You are asked and encouraged to familiarise yourself with whatever 'changes' may arise in the months ahead, and to embrace these as efforts to re-vitalise our personal and communal inherited faith.

Are you up for it, with Carole, to experience the 'more'?

Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 28 April 2024

Sunday 28 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Fifth Sunday of Easter Children's Liturgy in the Prayer Room
Monday 29 April	7.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe
Tuesday 30 April	7.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Wednesday 1 May	No Mass		
Thursday 2 May	8.30am Mass		Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Friday 3 May	8.30am Mass		Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday 4 May	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Feast of English Martyrs
Sunday 5 May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Sixth Sunday of Easter John Patrick O'Keeffe RIP Children's Liturgy in Prayer Room Refreshments after Mass

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 – 21 April 2024

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
21 April 2024	£50.10	Piety Stall £20.00	£123.09	

Children's Liturgy Information – Term Time Only

The following dates of the Children's Liturgy during the 10.30am Mass are:

Sundays 28 April; 5 May; 12 May and 19 May. (Five weeks).

Half-term

Sundays 9 June; 16 June; 23 June and 30 June. (Four weeks).

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

Clare and the team work very hard to ensure that the work prepared for the children relates to the scripture readings each Sunday

Diary Dates			
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 – put it in your diary now!
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

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@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 those who have died, and wish an amendment please let me, or Loretta, know.

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.

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.

St Anne's Cemetery Wappenbury and Sacred Heart Cemetery Princethorpe

A contract for the maintenance of both cemeteries between May 2024 and October 2024 inclusive has now been agreed by the Cemetery Committee. This will be reviewed during the year and a further contract will ensure that both cemeteries are appropriately maintained. Sacred Heart Cemetery will receive its first contract cut on Tuesday 30 April and fortnightly thereafter.

Thank you for your patience.

Thank you

A huge 'thank you' to those who attended here last Saturday evening to spend time with Canon Paul, and to those who spent time with him after both Masses. You told me much of how impressed he was with your community spirit, and he told me how impressed he was with your wholehearted welcome for him. I am grateful to you all for the time you devoted to this visitation. The next one will be in five years' time!!

In due course, I expect Canon Paul will send a report which I will share with you. There will be an inter-parish gathering later in the year when all parishes will be invited to join together.

In the meantime, I will continue to keep you all informed.

Let's remember just how vital is our personal and communal prayer in this whole process.

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

David Maceluh is recovering in hospital in Coventry from a serious heart attack that he suffered last Thursday evening.

Alice is in Northampton Hospital awaiting surgery. Please hold James and family in your prayers.

Sonia is awaiting further news on her health issues.

Michael O'Brien, Fr Teddy's brother, who fractured his femur last week. Hold Michael's wife, Sara, in your prayers.

The Buhour Family as they spend time in Argentina with Carolina's family.

Roy Pendleton who is currently residing in Galanos House Southam.

Peter Power who is recovering at home from recent medical treatment.

Samantha and Peter Swann. Samantha's older son, Ricky, was killed in a recent tragic road accident together with his friend, Josh. Both men are in their twenties. Ricki's funeral was held in Nuneaton last Wednesday.

John and Caroline. John (major surgery for a tumour, Caroline's friend).

Fr Christy Coleman whose sister died last week in Ireland.

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

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.

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

Caroline who died peacefully last Tuesday. Pray for Caroline's family.

Bridget Mernagh, aunt to Peter Power, who died in Ireland last week after a long illness. Please pray for Bridget's family.

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

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.

Stacy Busby, Bill's niece, Stacy had lots of health problems and died at 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

Science Technician – Princethorpe College - Required for September 2024, a qualified Science Technician to service KS3 to KS5 and to support the current technicians. A proven aptitude for working in a technical support team or working in school science laboratories would be an advantage. A specialism in Biology would be desirable.

This is a part-time, permanent, term-time only role (36 weeks of the year), working from 9.00am to 4.30pm with half an hour's unpaid lunch for three days per week, preferably Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, (21 hours per week) with occasional additional duties such as Open Days and Evenings, teacher training days. The role is based at Princethorpe College.

The Foundation has its own pay scale which is above national scales. 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.

The closing date for applications is Monday 29 April at 9.00am and interviews will be held on Friday 3 May 2024, at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)

Administrator/Receptionist – Princethorpe College - Required to cover maternity leave from 8 July 2024 to potentially 4 October 2024, and to work within our busy reception area as a part-time Administrator/Receptionist.

The position involves a mixture of administrative support and reception duties. The post holder will play a key part in answering general incoming telephone calls and visitor enquiries and liaising with pupils and parents and will need to balance general duties with providing comprehensive administrative support to a mixture of staff, including some senior management. Building up a good general knowledge of the workings of the school is a key requisite for the success of this post.

Some duties outside of reception may be included, with flexibility on the postholders part being essential to this post.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 29 April 2024, at 9.00am**. Interviews are likely to be later in the week or early the following week, at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)

Head of Business Services – The Princethorpe Foundation - Required to start by December 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, we are looking for a Head of Business Services. This exciting new position is the result of a review of the Foundation's organisational design, stemming from the appointment of the Foundation Principal and the forthcoming retirement of the Foundation Bursar. The successful candidate will work closely with, and be line-managed by, the Foundation Principal and will be a key member of the Foundation Executive Committee (FEC), which is responsible for the overall successful operations and strategic direction of the Foundation.

As a member of the FEC the post holder will be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership in the Foundation's Business Services which include people management and human resources, business administration, Foundation procurement and contracts, data protection and GDPR, policies and compliance and business assurance. The successful candidate is unlikely to have significant previous experience across every aspect of this role; what is important is you have a strong commercial background and the skillset and personal qualities we are looking for. It is also important to note that the Foundation retains the services of external professional consultants for legal, HR and IT support which will all be directly available to the new Head of Business Services as required.

The Business Services Manager will have exceptional personal qualities and abilities, with a wide range of skills and be fully aligned with our ethos. They will need to be meticulous yet creative, a strategic thinker who is prepared to get their hands dirty, fully focused on the demands of a multi-million-pound business and attuned to the nuances of the independent education sector. This is a broad role, and the successful candidate may not have in-depth experience in all areas, however they will have a wide range of skills and qualities.

This is a permanent 40-hour a week role based at Princethorpe College with duties at The Crescent and Crackley Hall Schools. Due to the nature of the job, there will be some work outside of normal working hours.

The starting salary range is £60,000 - £75,000 per annum by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. This is an excellent opportunity to join a Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including a 50% fee remission for children attending the Foundation's schools, a pension scheme and personal accident insurance. Closing date Monday 13 May 2024. 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 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.

