

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

Sunday 18 August 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Year B

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"Religion and Morality are the Essential Pillars of Civil Society"
George Washington

I met Catherine and her younger sister, Elizabeth at a wedding recently. They both recognised me, as I recognised them a little later. I had baptised both, they said, given them their First Holy Communion and was present at their Confirmation. Catherine graduated this year from university while Elizabeth received 2A* and a B at A level last week.

This unexpected meeting set me thinking. Such wonderful achievements, in a mere fourteen and seventeen years respectfully, since they both entered primary school, is outstanding, is it not? Many of us could claim similar accolades during our lives, I am sure.

What stayed with me after meeting Catherine and Elizabeth, however, was not the academic brownie points of either or even my own for that matter, but a question. If my faith journey was to be examined right now, I wonder how many A*s might I receive? Furthermore, if the discipline and focus displayed in the preparation for academic and Olympic success was to be applied to our faith lives, can you imagine what a faith community would then look like?

I know nothing of Catherine's or Elizabeth's faith journey – I lost touch with them years ago. But I can check out my own at any time. So why not now, I ask myself?

This Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St Bernard on a day, 64 years ago, when I made my first formal contact with the MSCs. Subsequently, I committed myself to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1963 through vows (like wedding vows). It is legitimate, then, to ask myself the question above. Sixty-one years is a long time in any relationship! You could ask a similar question of yourself, do you think?

Because faith is about an intimate relationship between us and Jesus Christ, nourished and sustained through regular and frequent contact. I sense that a current culture confuses faith with morality. 'Faith' is so easily reduced to a 'good moral code', as if they are one and same thing which, with practice, we can improve. We tell ourselves, and a generation of children and young adults, that living a good moral life is what matters, and of course it does matter. However, that releases us from having to assert that "*Loving God with your whole being*" comes before "*Loving your neighbour as yourself*", which does require a good moral code. It eases our minds when time pressure (et al) 'steals' our time for 'worship', 'prayer' and often even Eucharist. It also releases us from a duty to nourish faith as well as to promote a good moral code. We acknowledge, of course, that Mass is important, but not '*that important*' so that it can be 'missed' from time to time.

I offer this as incentive to listen with hungry hearts to the scripture readings each Sunday, and especially during these weekends at the end of the summer holidays. In them, Jesus offers himself as *the* nourishment for the necessary training and discipline to gain A*s in our faith, making it quite clear that without this, our mutual relationship with Jesus will weaken, and even atrophy.

Let's all begin a new academic year aiming for faith A*s.

Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 18 August 2024

Sunday 18 August	8.30am 10.30am 12.00pm	Wappenbury Princethorpe Princethorpe	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Refreshments after both Masses Baptism of Emma Elizabeth Gray
Monday 19 August	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Memorial Mass for Yvonne Busby at the request of the Wellesbourne community – All are welcome
Tuesday 20 August	8.00am Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 August	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Memorial of St Pius X, Pope
Thursday 22 August	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 23 August	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr
Saturday 24 August	No Mass		Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle
Sunday 25 August	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Refreshments after both Masses

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 – 11 August 2024

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
11 August 2024	£69.60	Piety Stall: £20.00	£108.56	

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Location	Event
Saturday 14 September	10.00am -12.00 noon	Wappenbury	Autumn Tidy-up

Update Please, The Prayer Lists

If you have requested prayers on either of the lists, please can you update them by letting Loretta or me know as soon as possible.

Some of those mentioned have been in hospital a very long time. It would be good to have accurate information on these sick people.

Over the next few weeks, the list of the deceased will be considered carefully too. Thank you.

Catholic Life And Sacraments At St Anne's

First Holy Communion: Parents who wish to present their child(ren) (under 16) for first Holy Communion during 2025 should contact Fr Teddy now. 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.

Congratulations In Order

Congratulations to all the students who received A-Level results on Thursday.

Hard work and dedication, together with lots of revision, have played their part. Mention must go to all the families who have supported them over the last years to get this far. Whatever you plan to do in the future be very proud of yourselves.

St Anne's Ground Force Team Strike Again!

Thank you so much to the parishioners that came along last Saturday to help move piles of logs into the garden at St Anne's. It is truly amazing what can be achieved in such a short time with willing helpers.

The next date will be Saturday 14 September, 10.00am – 12noon. Please add the date to your diary. There is always work to do with such a large garden and surrounds.

Request From A Parishioner, Please

Does anyone that an electric lightweight folding wheelchair (to fit in a car boot) that they no longer require? If so, please can you contact Loretta on behalf of the parishioner.

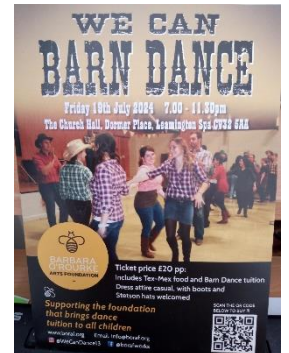
Loretta's email is stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk Or phone her on 07951 256796. Many thanks

Another Successful Night

The Barn Dance, recently held in St Peter's Church Hall, raised an amazing profit of £1,121.

A very pleasing total that will allow The Barbara O'Rourke Arts Foundation to provide a third school with dance classes.

Thank you to all who came along and supported the event.



Birthday Girl Celebrates In Style



Mary would like to thank you all for your presents, cards and good wishes that you so kindly sent for her 90th birthday.

Here's to the 91st Mary!!

Heritage Days at St Anne's Wappenbury

St Anne's Church Wappenbury will be open from Friday 6 September to Sunday 15 September from 9.00am – 5.00pm for visitors to the chapel.

On Sunday 8th September and Sunday 15 September, Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am as usual.

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Bro Donal Hallissey MSC who is receiving care in a nursing home in Cork

Jonathan, husband of Di Downes, seriously ill at home. Please pray for the family.

John, brother-in-law of Veronica, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Johnny Stott (20s), younger brother to Melody Kerrigan, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Hold the Stott and Kerrigan families in your prayers.

The O’Keeffe family as they prepare for the funeral of Dermot’s mother, Maureen.

Patrick who is suffering from cancer. Recent news has been discouraging.

Patrick’s son (40) who suffered a stroke recently. Hold his wife and family in your prayers.

Mary Owen whose mother, Gaby, died last Sunday in Rugley, Staffs. Hold Mary and family in your prayers.

Paula Loveitt whose sister, Denise Harris (50), died last Wednesday evening. Pray for Paula’s three sisters, her mum and her wider family.

Sue Kimberley and her daughter Adele. Both thank God for improvement in Adele’s condition. Botha continue to receive further treatment.

Michael, parish groundsman, who has moved to a Care Home in Rugby. He very much misses working in our gardens and cemeteries.

Emma, a friend of Mary Owen. Emma’s health has seriously deteriorated lately. The prognosis is not good.

Mary McGowan who will be 90 this week.

David Scannell’s cousin, whose funeral was this week.

Florence Thomas whose cousin, Tommy (69), died unexpectedly recently in Ireland.

Paul and Sandra Waddoups ask for your prayers. Paul is recovering at home from a brief spell in hospital.

Sonia Maceluch, Alice and James as they mourn the death of David.

Josh’s family who are experiencing family difficulties at this time. You may recall Josh died recently in a car accident.

The O’Keeffe family as they mourn the death of John Patrick. Hold Bonni, his wife, and brother Dermot in your prayers.

Sonia is awaiting further news on her health issues.

Roy Pendleton who is currently residing in Galanos House, Southam.

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

Ed Hester’s father who is ill at home.

Samantha and Peter Swann. Samantha’s older son, Ricky, was killed in a tragic road accident earlier this year, together with his friend, Josh. Both men were in their twenties.

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

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

Carl, son in law to Elizabeth Wilson, diagnosed with a lifelong, very rare condition. Please pray for Carl and all the family.

Margaret, a friend of Fen Whittle, who has successfully completed cancer treatment. Margaret and the family thank you for all your prayers.

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

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

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

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

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.

Joyce, friend of Bernie Sambrook, who is undergoing breast cancer.

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

Sophie (22)

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

Frances, friend of Marie Kerrigan who has received good news that her sight has been saved. Prayers greatly appreciated.

Sally who welcomes your prayers.

Jenny who is having treatment for cancer.

Padraig, please continue your prayers.

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

Elizabeth who is waiting for a serious operation.

Anthony Platt, friend of Kathy Bond

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

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

Maureen O’Keeffe RIP who died recently. Hold the O’Keeffe family in your prayers.
Gaby Owen RIP, Mary Owen’s mother who died recently. Please pray for Mary and all the family.
Denise Harris (50) who died recently. Hold Alexandra and Denise’ sisters and family in your prayers.
Fr Michael Smythe MSC RIP, who died recently in Galway.
Yvonne Busby RIP. Please pray for all the family.
Tommy (69) RIP, first cousin of Florence Thomas.
David Scannell RIP, cousin of Sean Kerrigan. Prayers please for his wife, Monica and all David’s family.
John O’Brien RIP, brother-in-law of Liz Bates. Please pray for Maria and all the family.
David Maceluch RIP, please pray for Sonia, Alice, James and Lily.
Celia Dupre RIP. friend of Jane and Tony Phayer.
Bridget Mernagh RIP, aunt to Peter Power. Please pray for Bridget’s family.
Cissie Power RIP, Peter’s mother
Bernard Gallagher RIP, brother to Fr Frank Gallagher MSC (retired)
Stacy Busby, Bill’s niece
Paul Gandy’s sister RIP
Ellie Taylor RIP, please pray for Ellie’s family.
Frances McCallum RIP, Mary McGowan niece. Please pray for Mary and all the family.
Judith Roberts RIP (70s)
Mary McKeown RIP
Paul Spencer RIP
Margaret Huett RIP
Bill and Yvonne Busby RIP
Barbara RIP, 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.

A Request, If You Are Ill At Home Or In Hospital.....,

If you are about to *go into* hospital or if you are *in* hospital, or if you have been recently discharged, or if you are ill at home, please let me know as soon as possible by ringing my **mobile** and, if I am not then available, please leave a message. Remember please, I cannot respond if I do not know.

If you are absent from Mass for some weeks, I will not conclude that you are ill. Many of you visit families over weekends. And if I cannot immediately respond by taking Holy Communion to you, I will ask one of our Eucharistic Ministers to call round to see you.

Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation

Nursery Practitioner – Little Crackers, Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth - Required to start at the beginning of September or sooner, if possible, we seek to recruit an enthusiastic and suitably qualified Nursery Practitioner to work as part of our Nursery Team.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a busy and happy nursery that has excellent outside facilities and the support of Crackley Hall School.

The job holder will work in the nursery setting, joining an established team under the direction of the Nursery Manager. The successful candidate will ensure that every child in their care is well-supported and encouraged to develop themselves as an individual.

This role is all year round, working 39 hours a week spread over four days. Working days to be agreed with the Nursery Manager. The usual hours will be 7.45am to 6.00pm, including a 30-minute unpaid break.

The starting salary for this role is at D8 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff scale, currently £12.24 per hour, £23,868 per annum full-time equivalent, £24,822 actual pay.

Benefits include 25 days' holiday per annum plus bank holidays (pro rata) to be taken during term time, unless agreed with the Nursery Manager. **Closing date Wednesday 21 August 2024.** Further information [here](#)

Teacher of Law (short term) Princethorpe College - Required to start in September, we seek to recruit a well-qualified graduate to deliver Law A-Level, in a lively, successful and flourishing department. Candidates should be able to demonstrate the necessary skills to succeed in the classroom and be effective team players.

This is a temporary post, for one half-term initially (to 31 October 2024). The hours are negotiable, but likely to be full-time or substantial part-time, based at Princethorpe College.

The salary will be by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. The Princethorpe Foundation salary scale is associated with but some way above national scales.

Closing date Friday 23 August 2024. Further information [here](#)

Sports Coach – Rugby – Princethorpe College - We are looking to recruit an inspirational and motivated Rugby Coach to support our PE and Games department with the focus on coaching rugby in the College, specifically on a zero hours contract to allow for flexibility. We anticipate the successful candidate would be required term time only for games afternoons and the co-curricular programme (these run between 1.45pm-5.45pm, days tbc) and Saturdays can be negotiated during the Rugby season.

Salary is by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. The Princethorpe Foundation salary scale is associated with but some way above national scales. Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk for more information about our thriving School, which offers a rich curriculum and strong sense of community.

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. Closing date **Friday 30 August 2024.** Further information [here](#)

Sports Coach – Hockey – Princethorpe College - Required to start in September 2024, initially until April 2025, we seek to recruit an enthusiastic and committed Hockey Coach to support our PE and Games department, specifically on a zero-hour contract to allow for flexibility.

We anticipate the successful candidate would be required term time only for approximately eight hours a week (between 1.45pm-5.45pm, days to be confirmed) and some Saturdays in the Hockey season and would preferably have a Level 2 Hockey Coaching Qualification.

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Learning Support Assistant – Princethorpe College - Required for October 2024 or sooner, a Learning Support Assistant to work flexibly as part of a team to support pupils who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The successful candidate is expected to have an inclusive approach to teaching and learning and will work collaboratively with subject staff in the classroom. This will primarily be supporting learners in Years 7-13.

The starting salary for this role is between D5 to D10 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff scale, currently £22,971 to £24,473 per annum full time equivalent (a 3.5% salary increase has been awarded for September 2024), 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 discounted places for staff, a pension scheme and a cycle to work scheme.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 6 September 2024 at 9.00am.**

Interviews are likely to be at the end of week commencing 9 September or early week commencing 16 September at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)