

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

Sunday 3 November 2024

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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Year B

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham  
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### **Second Collection for Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)**

*"No need to repeat the past.*

***Behold, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not see it?"***

(Is 43:19)

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will be inaugurating a Jubilee Year of Hope for 2025. Biblically, a Jubilee Year is a year during which fresh hope is awakened through the alleviation of debts and the forgiveness of all offences.

We are all too aware that the church, as we may have known it, seems somewhat in decline, even *'out of touch'*. Numbers attending since Covid are significantly reduced, especially in Western Europe. This, together with the absence of young adults and young families, and the decline in the numbers of 'active' clergy, must surely now be seen as an invitation to *'do better'*. Standing still is not an option. Neither is making superficial structural changes alone sufficient. Faith dictates and invites otherwise. There surely is no point in continuing to repeat a past that has shown itself to be out of date. After all, the 'Church' was never ours to claim as our own!

Isaiah (above) and Revelations 21:5 speak a perennial truth: God is always creating, and this Jubilee Year is an invitation to us, worldwide, to become co-creators of a church for the mid 21C. Together, I hope that we will try to re-invigorate the church throughout St Anne's Parish. Much might be new, but not everything. Yet hopefully all will be refreshed. What is good, will be retained and improved upon. What is deemed worthy of innovation will be introduced. What proves not be working needs to be let go of to make room for the 'new'.

This is an initiative of St Anne's Parish Council following a visit to Bourton on Dunsmore and Draycote Open Gardens in June this year. We were reminded of what we have to offer in St Anne's Parish - we could, we thought, in 2025, invite folk to experience the spirit of St Anne's grounds and church. The members of the Parish Council embraced the idea, and now you are invited to identify and name your giftedness to be shared in the planning of the events in 2025.

It is you who will make a success of this Jubilee Year in St Anne's. Some 'events' will be church based. Others home based. Others will take us on physical journeys – pilgrimages – to various places: St Chad's Birmingham, Hednesford, Baddesley Clinton, Walsingham, The O2 arena London (Flame), and from the surrounding areas to Wappenbury.

In next week's newsletter, you will be invited to actively participate in Jubilee Year 2025. Much will be offered throughout the year to which you will be invited to contribute and/or participate, irrespective of your situation in life, irrespective of your age, gender, health, marital status. Whatever you can contribute will be embraced and welcomed. And everything offered will be invitation. The intention is not to fill the church but to renew hope.

We will reach out to the people of all seventeen villages of which this parish is comprised. We will renew contact with those we have encountered since 2000 with no intention of 'persuading' them to 'come back' to church but simply to share the hope that our faith offers us. Events will be advertised, proclaimed, using whatever media is available: village newsletter, website, digital social media, etc. We are asking our young adults to advise on this.

There is clearly something about this Jubilee Year of Hope that is Holy Spirit guided and initiated in this rural parish, we will simply be part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham's 'vision' (and I am fully aware of how 'vision' is viewed!) and of the Universal Christian Church, journeying with Archbishop Bernard and Pope Francis.

How do we begin? Only in reflective prayer without which this will be a waste of time. We must be clear that God speaks to us in quite simple language – after all, God did this when Jesus was born! I am certain that the comments at the Open Gardens in June, and the initiative of Parish Council members afterwards, was God's invitation. We are blessed here with a Parish Council that listens, not just to parishioners and each other, but to God.

When the disciples asked Jesus *"where do you live"*, (John 1:38), Jesus simply replied, *"come and see"*.

*Will you come and see during 2025?*

**Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 3 November 2024**

|                             |                                  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Sunday 3 November</b>    | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br><br>12.00pm | Wappenbury<br>Princethorpe<br><br>Princethorpe | <b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b><br><b>Second Collection for Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)</b><br><br><b>Both Masses for the Deceased Family Members of our Parish Community</b> – see note below<br>No Children's Liturgy today<br>Refreshments after both Masses<br><b>Baptism Ava Rose Bailey</b> |
| <b>Monday 4 November</b>    | 7.30am Mass                      | Wappenbury                                     | Pauline Swann RIP  |
| <b>Tuesday 5 November</b>   | 8.30am Mass                      | Wappenbury                                     |  |
| <b>Wednesday 6 November</b> | 8.30am Mass<br>7.00pm            | Wappenbury<br>Wappenbury                       | Wedding Rehearsal  |
| <b>Thursday 7 November</b>  | No Mass                          |  |  |
| <b>Friday 8 November</b>    | 8.30am Mass                      | Wappenbury                                     |  |
| <b>Saturday 9 November</b>  | No Mass                          | Wappenbury                                     |  |
| <b>Sunday 10 November</b>   | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass      | Wappenbury<br>Princethorpe                     | <b>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b><br>Remembrance Sunday<br><b>Gabriella and Don Owen RIP</b><br>Children's Liturgy resumes today<br>Refreshments after both Masses   |

**Sunday Collection – 27 October 2024**

| Date                   | Wappenbury Offertory | Second Collection | Princethorpe Offertory | Second Collection |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>27 October 2024</b> | £95.38               |                   | £114.80                |                   |

**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.*

**Catholic Life And Sacraments At St Anne's**

**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.

### **New Missals**

The new Missals have been ordered. According to the supplier they will be sent out towards the end of November ready for Advent. As soon as they arrive you will be able to collect them from St Anne's.

There will be spare copies available from the Presbytery if you decide you would like one later. They cost £13.00 (cash please).

### **Upcoming Diary Dates – Please Make Note**

|                       |                   |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Saturday 16 November  | 10.00am -12noon   | Wappenbury                                   | Planting at St Anne's (weather permitting)                                       |
| Tuesday 26 November   | 7.00pm            | Wappenbury                                   | Parish Council Meeting   |
| Wednesday 4 December  | 12noon – 2.00pm   | Princethorpe College                         | Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch – places filled now.                             |
| Monday 16 December    | 7.00pm            | Wappenbury                                   | Carol Service  |
| Sunday 22 December    | 8.30am<br>10.30am | Wappenbury<br>Wappenbury                     | Mass<br>Mass   |
| Tuesday 24 December   | 5.00pm<br>9.00pm  | Princethorpe College<br>Princethorpe College | Family Mass on Christmas Eve<br>First Mass of Christmas – Note: no Midnight Mass |
| Wednesday 25 December | 9.30am            | Wappenbury                                   | Mass of Christmas Day  |
| Sunday 29 December    | 8.30am<br>10.30am | Wappenbury<br>Wappenbury                     | Mass<br>Mass   |
| Sunday 5 January 2025 | 8.30am<br>10.30am | Wappenbury<br>Wappenbury                     | Mass<br>Mass   |

### **Diary Dates - The Information Above**

Please can you make a note of the diary dates above and where Mass will be celebrated.

The three Sunday Masses over the Christmas and New Year period will be celebrated at St Anne's. This will assist Princethorpe College in conserving their heating and energy output while the College is closed for the holidays.

### **Children's Liturgy**

The dates for the Sundays that the Children's Liturgy take place up until Christmas are:

Sunday 10 November, 17 November, 24 November, 1 December, 8 December, 15 December.

The Liturgy will be suspended after Sunday 15 December for various reasons. Hard work by the volunteers over the last years has been invaluable to the understanding of the Gospel for the children. I would like to thank Clare, Mary, Stephanie and Rachel for all their not inconsiderable efforts with this special ministry.

### **Cleaning St Anne's – Your Parish Church – HELP, HELP, HELP!**

It is not a hard job to keep St Anne's clean and tidy. The faithful few could do with some help, please.

The most it takes is two hours with two people. Please let Loretta or me know when you are available, and we will put you on the list. The only proviso is that you let me know which day in the week you are coming so I can give you access to the cleaning things in the garage.

Thank you

### **Masses for the Deceased Family Members of our Parish Community – Sunday 3 November - Tomorrow**

On Sunday 3 November, both Masses will be celebrated in memory of family members of our parish community. Names can be inserted in envelopes available at the back of both churches. These will then be placed on the altar during both Masses.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation ('Confession') is available in St Anne's Parish **on request** to Fr Teddy MSC.

### **Support Serving Refreshments At Princethorpe – Any One, Please**

At present, Marie and Sean Kerrigan together with Pam Hopwood and Loretta try to ensure refreshments are available after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Occasionally family events prevent them from offering this very successful and valuable treat. Is there anyone else who could offer to help them?

The teams generously bring along the tea/coffee etc in hot water flasks. If you feel you could help them, please get in touch with Loretta. If you need any large flasks, please let us know and we can provide them.

Thank you to those of the community who take time to stay after Mass at St Anne's and Princethorpe. It is such a wonderful chance to catch up. Thanks also to those who bring along cake and biscuits – always very welcome!

### **November Tidy-Up at St Anne's – Saturday 16 November 2024**

One couple of hours more in November will see the grounds looking good for the winter. Do come and offer your talent and your energy.

### **Cards for Various Occasions**

In the porch at St Anne's, you will find miscellaneous cards for various occasions. Please feel free to take one or more. A donation of £1.00 per card would be appreciated.

There is also the Piety cupboard in the Prayer Room at Princethorpe. Please take time to see Fergus if you would like to have a look. All items are £1.00

### **Enhancing A Wonderful Marriage**

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, **29 November to 1 December**, there is an offer at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby, a time of guided reflection for married couples whose marriages are now really good. The time is focussed on enhancing marriages that are wonderful, not on 'fixing' marriages that may be having difficulty. The weekend embraces the old saying: "*do not let the good become the enemy of the best*". It is not an education seminar, rather an experience.

Some I know have already experienced this kind of weekend, *Marriage Encounter*, many years ago. Then it was in its embryonic stage of growth. Now, it has matured and grown up. I have experienced a transformation of many marriages through this experience, and I can highly recommend it to you.

It is on offer now in Rugby and it will, again, be offered throughout 2025.

I can provide any further details should you want them. Just ask.

### **Communications From The Archdiocese**

You can view the newsletters and other resources on the archdiocese website using the link below

[Environment - Care for Creation | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

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

**Fr Michael White**, Parish Priest in Tamworth, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Mac**, who is unwell at the present time and waiting for a major operation.

**Benedict** who is experiencing personal difficulties at this time. He really asks for your prayers.

**Martha**, Karen Walls mother-in-law. Martha is very ill in Antrim hospital. Hold them in your prayer during these difficult days.

**The Kealey family** as they mourn the death of Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) in Ireland.

**Meabh Barratt (3)** lives with her family in Ireland. She is undergoing tests in Ireland and the results will be sent to Alder Hay Children's Hospital, Liverpool. Please pray for this young child and her family.

**Francesca** who begins ongoing chemotherapy. Pray for her husband and family.

**Rachel** who is quite ill at present.

**Sonia and Alice** who are struggling at present.

**Fr Martin Morrissey MSC**, who is recovering in hospital from a fall.

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

**Di Downes and family**, whose husband, Jonathan died recently at home.

**Sue Kimberley** as she continues with another round of chemotherapy.

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

**Marie**, Veronica's sister, who is having major surgery on her spine.

**Emma's family** as they prepare to say goodbye to her.

**Johnny Stott (20s)**, younger brother to Melody Kerrigan. Johnny is home now and much stranger and thanks you all for your prayers. Continue to hold the Stott and Kerrigan families in your prayers.

**The O'Keeffe family** as they grieve for 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 recently in Rugeley, Staffs. Hold Mary and family in your prayers.

**Paula Loveitt** whose sister, Denise Harris (50), died recently. 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.

**Michael**, parish groundsman, who is back in the home. He misses working in our gardens and cemeteries. Michael needs your prayers.

**David Scannell's** cousin, whose funeral was held recently.

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

**Paul and Sandra Waddoups** ask for your prayers.

**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. Please continue to old both families in your prayers.

**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.

**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 and is receiving palliative care at home.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Sr Mary Coleman RIP, sister to Fr Chris Coleman MSC.** Mary died recently in Ireland.

**Debs RIP,** a former member of the College catering staff who died recently. Deb's funeral will be held at Canley Crematorium, on Monday 18 November at 10.30am. Please pray for Debs' family.

**Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) RIP**

**David Butler RIP,** a neighbour of Loretta's, who died unexpectedly at home recently. Pray for Sandy and all the family.

**Kathleen O'Brien OP 94yrs (Sr Laetitia OP) RIP** Fr Teddy's sister, who died recently.

**Jonathan Downes RIP,** who died at home recently.

**Emma RIP,** a friend of Mary Owen. Hold Emma, her family and friends in your prayers.

**Allan Stewart RIP,** a friend of Pam Hopwood, whose wife, Moira and family, who do a lot for the shoe-box team.

**Raymond Heald RIP,** friend of Patsy Monahan.

**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) RIP,** who died recently. Hold Alexandra and Denise' sisters and family in your prayers.

**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 RIP,** 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**

**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.

## Opportunities At Princethorpe College

**Trustee – The Princethorpe Foundation** - The Princethorpe Foundation is looking for exceptional individuals who are able to shape the future of the Foundation and its three schools and nursery.

The role involves setting the vision and strategic direction of the Foundation together with the senior leadership team to maintain its ethos and ensure the quality of education for some 1,400 children aged 2 to 18.

Trustees are expected to attend four Governing Body meetings a year and normally attend one or two sub-committees according to their interests and experience. The Governing Body is responsible for the provision of education, overseeing budget allocation, agreeing on policies and procedures and ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

Trustees are keen that we have a wide range of expertise, experience and backgrounds within the Governing Body. Core skills which are covered include: Education, Business Expertise, Law, Human Resources, Governance, Finance and Property. Trustees ensure an understanding of the schools through visits and will receive appropriate induction and safeguarding training,

Trustees are guardians of the Catholic ethos of the Foundation based on friendship, kindness, compassion and love. We aim to prepare our pupils to be positive and active members of our diverse society, being generous of spirit in serving others. We want them to lead happy and fulfilled lives by giving them a deep understanding of the core values needed to build happy and healthy relationships.

### About us

The Foundation is a registered charity, and trustees are also directors and members of the limited company. The aim is to provide a first-rate independent education and to create outstanding schools.

If you are ready to make a lasting impact and lead transformative change in education, we invite you to join us.

Please contact [recruitment@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@princethorpe.co.uk) to arrange an initial conversation if you are interested in becoming a trustee.

**Site Supervisor – Crackley Hall, Kenilworth** - Required to start in November, we seek to recruit a full-time Site Supervisor to oversee and coordinate day to day 'caretaker' functions at Crackley Hall School, such as reactive maintenance, PPM's, compliance checks, portering, cleaning and security. This exciting and wide-ranging role is remotely managed by the Head of Estates and Sustainability, but the Site Supervisor is the key person 'on the ground', ensuring that their site is fully functional, organised, clean, tidy, secure and well maintained.

The role is all year round (52 weeks per year) for 37.5 hours per week (with a one-hour unpaid break per day). The working pattern is predominantly 6.45am to 3.15pm (Monday to Friday) but with the flexibility to work later shifts or weekends on occasions to meet the needs of the school. There are also opportunities to earn overtime/time off in lieu through additional work to support key events across the Foundation.

The starting salary for this role is between D13 to D16 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff scale, currently £26,589 to £27,612 per annum full-time equivalent by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience. The closing date for applications is **Monday 4 November 2024, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. **Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity.** Further information [here](#)

### Further Opportunities

From time to time the College look to recruit additional teaching and support staff. If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, please submit your CV and an accompanying letter, outlining the areas in which you are interested to [recruitment@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@princethorpe.co.uk)

**Exam Invigilators** – assist in the smooth running of the internal and public examinations.

**SEND Support Staff** – for in-class, small group and one-to-one work with pupils.

**Cover Teaching Staff** – being part of a team available for short-term and long-term supply work.

**Games Coaching** – to assist with our wide-ranging sports programme.