

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 5 January 2025 Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord Year C
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Women's Christmas – Nollaig Na Mbna

As we dismantle our Christmas decorations, the visitors from the East are placed in our cribs on 6 January, to remain there until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple on 2 February, a reminder to us, maybe tired from celebrating, of the presence of Emmanuel long after the festivities have ended. It is back to 'normal' on Monday, so we say, whatever 'normal' means for us.

The twelve days of Christmas will not have changed our lives very much, will they? The 'anaesthetic' afforded by the distractions of Christmas will soon wear off, leaving us with the same lives as before. Unless, that is, we start *"living in such a way that we express to others our belief that Emmanuel has really come and stayed and, looking ahead, that Resurrection has truly happened, too. Jesus, our Urban Shepherd, walks with us in the busy streets of our global cities. When we say, 'Emmanuel God with us' we are not talking about a historical event that is past. But a present experience that continues now and every day, until the end of time"*. (Very Rev Albert Bogle, Sanctuary First)

"This means that, even in our darkest moments of distress and deep sadness, Emmanuel walks with us in the empty lonely alleys of life's disrupted landscapes. It is knowing and feeling his companionship that stills our anxiety and gives us confidence to breathe naturally. To trust implicitly and to walk humbly with our ever-present companion" (ibid).

In Ireland, this day, 6 January, was known as Nollaig na Mbna, or Women's Little Christmas. Historically, Irish women gathered on 6 January to enjoy a break from household chores while men took over cooking and cleaning the home. Women gathered in pubs and their homes and relaxed, enjoying each other's company and a respite from all the holiday work. In our time now, when domestic violence frequently dishonours women, Nollaig Na Mbna, affords an opportunity for us to celebrate and to honour women in our lives; to say 'thanks' for the many times we may have presumed upon their generosity.

A Post Christmas Prayer

"God of the City, Creator of Community, Urban Shepherd, guard the lonely tonight.

Those who walk down lonely streets dimly lit, looking for comfort of any kind.

Loneliness defines many a city dweller, everyone is busy, like bees in a hive.

No time to be.

*Loneliness is best defined in a crowd: There you are hidden, homogenised, blocked in,
always behind someone else, pushed aside.*

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Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 5 January 2025			
Sunday 5 January 2025	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord BOTH MASSES AT WAPPENBURY
Monday 6 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Mont RIP (anniversary)
Tuesday 7 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Roy's family and friends RIP
Wednesday 8 January	8.30am	Wappenbury	
Thursday 9 January	No Mass		
Friday 10 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	James O'Brien RIP Anniversary
Saturday 11 January	5.30pm Mass	Southam	
Sunday 12 January	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

Sunday Collection – 29 December 2024

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
22 December 2024	£67.30		£77.00	
29 December 2024	£40.40		£72.33	

Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has approved the appointment of Andy Rogers as the Parish Safeguarding Representative for St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury. Contact details for Andy are sg.stanne.wappenbury.org.uk This email is for safeguarding matters only.

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.

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.

New Missals

If you have collected your new Missal but **not yet paid**, please remember to bring £13.00 in cash to Mass today.

I have ordered a small stock of blue Missals. If you would like one, please speak to Loretta or myself. Please pay in cash £13.00. This is a discount on the usual price of £18.95.

Collection of Postage Stamps

Loretta is once again collecting postage stamps for the Royal Institute for the Blind. If you receive any letters or card with stamps, please gather them together and pass to Loretta. National or International, all are sorted and sent of to the charity.

The stamps can be left at St Anne's or handed to Loretta or myself. Thank you.

Please Save The Front Of Your Christmas Cards

Each year Pam and her assistants include the front of a Christmas card in the shoe-boxes. Please cut yours off, when you take them down, and give to Pam, Helen McGowan, or Loretta.

Non-religious cards only please. Thank you

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Mary and Kathy Watkins, whose mother, Caroline (70), died unexpected last week. Pray for Caroline's husband, for Mary, Kathy and her brother.

Maura, sister-in-law of Marie Kerrigan, who is receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Carole Rogers, Andy Rogers mother, who is suffering from breast cancer.

Cathy Rogers, Andy Rogers wife, who is undergoing treatment for her brain AVM in the New Year.

Sue Kimberley. We give thanks to God this week for Sue's healing. She has been, last week, declared free of cancer at present. Sincere thanks to you all for your continued prayers.

Lisa McGowan, sister-in-law of Helen. Lisa fell down the stairs last weekend and has damaged her spine; she underwent a seven-hour operation on Sunday. Lisa is still in hospital and quite poorly. Please pray for Lisa and a successful recovery.

Stefan Goodman whose father died recently.

David McLoughlin as he mourns the death of his cousin, Tommy.

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.

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.

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

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

Johnny Stott (20s), younger brother to Melody Kerrigan. 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.

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.

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. Please continue to hold Samantha and Peter 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.

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.

Frank

Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week

Caroline RIP (70), mother to Mary and Kathy Watkins, who died recently.

Tommy McLoughlin RIP (50s) who died recently. Tommy is cousin to David McLoughlin

Michael Goodman RIP, 77 (parish groundsman), who died recently.

Debs RIP, a former member of Princethorpe College catering staff who died recently. Please pray for Debs' family.

Tracey RIP, not a parishioner, friend of Julie Satchwell, who died last week. Prayers for all Tracey's family and friends, please.

Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) RIP

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

Jonathan Downes RIP, who died at home earlier this year.

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.

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 who died earlier this year.

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.

Vacancies in the Princethorpe Foundation

Teaching Assistant, Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth - We are excited to be looking to appoint a suitably qualified teaching assistant, with experience and training in Early Years. The successful applicant will ideally join Crackley Hall at the start of February 2025. This a permanent, full time, term time only post. Consideration will be given to significantly part time and a slightly earlier / later start for the right candidate.

Working closely with the class teacher, you will provide support and assist teachers in the development and education of the children in our school. We see our teaching assistants as a key part of the team in the classrooms, who can have an enormous impact on teaching and learning. You will be a part of the planning as well as delivery of the lessons and will be expected to contribute to the ongoing assessment of pupil progress.

This is a permanent full-time role for 37.5 hours per week, term time only plus INSET days, (36 weeks per year). Working days will be Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4.00pm including a 30-minute unpaid break (8.00am to 3.45pm considered for the right candidate).

The starting salary for this role is between approximately £24,375 and £25,331 per annum full time equivalent, (£19,328 to £20,086 actual) by negotiation, for 37.5 hours per week, 36 weeks of the year, and is depending on qualifications and relevant experience. This is based on point D5 to D8 of the Foundation pay scale.

Closing date Wednesday 8 January 2025. Further information [here](#)

