

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 19 January 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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Second Collection Today for Pax Christi

"That they all may be one..." (John 17:21-23)

Praying for Christian Unity 2025

A glance around our planet in January 2025 reveals just how little has been achieved in the quest for the unity that Jesus prayed for. The thought of continuing disunity among His followers seems to have caused a permanent ache in the heart of Jesus. A further trip through history would try to put the blame for this continuing disunity on the Protestant Reformation of the 16C or even on the various schisms that have plagued the church since its inception.

We sometimes delude ourselves that the early first century church was a pinnacle of unity where *"all the believers were of the same mind and held everything in common"* (Acts 2:44) and at the same time we chastise ourselves in our tardiness in making progress towards real authentic unity. We pray each January that we might all be one until we notice that not much has changed. Yes, we do communicate better between denominational churches, it is true. Yet unless 'membership' of a particular church community is acknowledged, we do not celebrate Eucharist together – we even remain ever so cautious in the words we use when *inviting* folk to communion or to receive a blessing.

That may sound a bit too harsh because we really have come closer. At least we understand each other a bit better, and we have found much common ground. Yet there is a huge bit missing. Jesus prayed that *"we all might be one so that the world may know that it was you (God - Father) who sent me"*. For Jesus, unity had a purpose – to show to the world which His Father created, that God did love this planet and all in it. That does not appear to be so obvious nowadays because the world seems neither to know, nor indeed to want to know, about God, Father, or Jesus. And disunity, in all its guises, prevails and flourishes!

Could it be that we, Christians, lack sufficient and deep conviction that all disunity, of whatever kind, is really the voice of anti-God, because God is one? Could it be that the evidence of disunity, at local, national, and international level is, in fact, a denial of God? Such disunity abounds in the fragility of one-to-one relationship, in the ever-prevailing abuse of *"man's inhumanity to man"* in family life, between nations, between faiths of all kinds, all of whom profess belief in a 'God' of some kind? Such that our prayer for unity, Christian or otherwise, is exposed as *'something to be seen to be done'*, but with no real conviction that any quest for unity implies either a deepening personal belief in Jesus Christ as God and man, divine and human, or with the hope that this unity is achievable.

Praying for Christian unity has been a quest in churches over centuries. However, the above affects you as you read, if at all, we are obligated, because of the prayer of Jesus Christ, to continue to seek, and to work for, human unity as a foundation for unity in faith.

Are you up for this, then? Will you celebrate unity this week wherever you find it, and will you do something to heal disunity where you experience it?

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 19 January 2025

Sunday 19 January	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Second Collection for Pax Christi Mai Sears RIP (4th anniversary) Refreshments after both Masses
Monday 20 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Fr Sean O'Brien MHM RIP (1st anniversary)
Tuesday 21 January	No Mass		Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Wednesday 22 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Thursday 23 January	No Mass		
Friday 24 January	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Saturday 25 January			Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Sunday 26 January	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Refreshments after both Masses Deceased members of the Catenian Leamington Circle

Sunday Collection – 12 January 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
12 January 2025	£96.50		£119.45	

Update To Both Prayer Lists, Please

It is important that the information on both prayers list is accurate and up to date. There are many people we pray for each week that are likely to need new details for. Please let Loretta or me know as soon as you can.

Refreshing the newsletter each week is important to the community. Thank you.

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.

In The Event Of Unsafe Driving Conditions – Urgent Message

In consideration of the recent inclement weather, it may be necessary on future occasions to celebrate both Masses at St Anne's, Wappenbury.

Should this occasion arise, I will send an **URGENT** email to everyone on the Saturday evening prior to Mass on Sunday. This will only happen in **exceptional circumstances**. Please try to read your emails in good time.

Cleaning St Anne's – Asking For Help Again, Please

St Anne's is our parish church, and it is only with the support of a few that it is kept in such wonderful condition. Please let Loretta or me know when you can come and clean the church. There is a calendar in the porch at St Anne's – the door is always open for you to pop down and add your name.

It usually takes a couple of people a couple of hours to clean thoroughly. Tea and coffee on hand to keep you going!

I just need to be told when you are coming so that you have access for hot water etc.

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 – A Few Still Available

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 – Thank You

Loretta has sent off two shoe-boxes full of stamps to the RNIB! Please continue to gather them together and pass to Loretta. National or International, all are sorted and sent off to the charity. The stamps can be left at St Anne's or handed to Loretta or myself. Thank you everyone for taking the time to help this good cause.

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

Do You Have Any Upcoming Anniversaries In Your Family? Special Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries?

It is always a treat to have news of family celebrations. Please let Loretta or me know if you would like something added to the newsletter. A picture or two is always welcome.

Pretty Tea Sets Required!

If you have any pretty tea sets at home that you no longer want to keep, please bring them to St Anne's. We are also looking for any tiered cake stands you might have.

If you don't have any at home to donate, could you take a moment next time you walk past a charity shop to buy anything – even odd pretty cups and saucers will do.

All will become clear why St Anne's will need them in the next few weeks!

All donations can be left in the porch at St Anne's. Many, many thanks.

Message from the Archdiocese Office, Birmingham
Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Lourdes 2025 pilgrimage -Saturday 24 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Pilgrimage bookings are now open.

Official Diocesan Pilgrims

To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel via our tour operator Tangney Tours.

- **Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage by Air**
- 6 nights from £1,027pp including flights, accommodation and meals.
- [Book Now - By Air](#)
- **Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage by Coach**
- 5 nights from £776pp, including transport, accommodation and meals.
- [Book Now - By Coach](#)

What is included

Once you have made your way to your departure point by your chosen method of transport, the tour operating cost includes:

- All travel and transfers to your chosen accommodation in Lourdes.
- Full board accommodation (three meals per day) and city taxes included for your chosen hotel.
- Fees payable to the Sanctuary that is levied on the Diocese per pilgrim.
- Cost of the professional musicians, production and printing of the Diocesan booklets, badges and lanyards.

If booked through the official pilgrimage and travel through the official tour operator (Tangney Tours) your trip is also fully protected by:

- Their ABTA bond (Y5280) which protects all non-flight-based packages.
- Their ATOL licence (1220) which protects all bookings made by air.
- Their AITO membership- when you book with an AITO member you are assured of the finest personal service, expert knowledge, and a holiday that is fully financially protected.

Please contact with any queries:

Kath White: 0121 230 6288 (office hours 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday) or via email admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Responding To The Call Of Creation - January 2025 A Year of Extreme Weather

2024 was a year full of extremes. Climate change increases the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events, and we saw lots of them in 2024.

Last year the world experienced an additional 41 days of dangerous heat due to climate change which brought health risks and saw the **Amazon River** levels dropping by 90%.

Elsewhere, the **Philippines** experienced six typhoons in a single 30-day period, triggering landslides and floods. Unfortunately, these events are becoming increasingly common, and they highlight the urgency of climate action to reduce the impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable people in the world. Source: *BBC*

News, Events, Opportunities - Upcoming events for 2025

Global Climate Summit 2025 4-7th June 2025, University of Oxford

This will include local activities themed around climate justice in partnership with UN Human Rights. Look out for talks, exhibitions, concerts and more. **Earth Day 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025** This year's theme is *Our Power, Our Planet*. Its goal is to unite the collective global commitment to renewable energy, to generate clean electricity for everyone.

COP 30 10th-21st November 2025

The 30th Conference of Parties on Climate Change will take place in Brazil in November.

Live Simply Be still. After the busyness of the festive period, take some time to just be still and to sit in God's presence in his creation.



Whether it's looking out of a window with a cup of tea, watching your favourite nature documentary or going outside, build in time for stillness into your routine.

Live Sustainably

As the new year begins, how can you live sustainably? Pick one, simple, achievable action that you can complete this year to make a positive impact. For example, buy in bulk to reduce packaging ratios, or eat seasonal food, or make sure you actually turn devices off at the wall, or only boil the amount of water you need.

Live in Solidarity

Nelson Mandela once said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". This year, why not show solidarity to those facing the brunt of the climate crisis and to future generations to come, by learning more about this planet: its wonders and the threats it's facing. Be curious, ask questions and look for answers. Useful starting points are: The Royal Society: <https://royalsociety.org/news-resources/projects/climate-change-evidence-causes/basics-of-climate-change> The UN:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change>

For more information or to get involved in climate action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, please contact climateaction@rcaob.org.uk

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Fr Gerry Daly MSC whose grandniece died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga recently.

Mary and Kathy Watkins, whose mother, Caroline (70), died unexpected recently. 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 Roger's 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 currently. He really asks for your prayers.

Martha, Karen Walls mother-in-law. Martha is extremely 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 last year.

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. Latest 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 currently. 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, exceedingly 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 In Our Prayers This Week

Eve McCarthy (21) who died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga on 10 January. Eve is grand niece to Fr Gerry Daly MSC in Cork.

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.

Tracey RIP, not a parishioner, friend of Julie Satchwell, who died recently. 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 last 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.