

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 2 March 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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Second Collection today Cathedral Maintenance

"What if Lent was about more than 'giving up'?"

"40 Acts for Forty Days"

Once again, Lent is with us, a traditional season for 'giving up', often because it makes us feel better, yes? Yet, there is a rebellious part in all of us that wants to react when we are expected to do something not of our making. 'Why should I?', we may ask? Why indeed? What's in it for me and, for that matter, for you? 'Giving up' can be so hard, and so boring too: giving up chocolate, alcohol, social media, television viewing etc., and yet so necessary to achieve a balance in our lives between mind, body and spirit. Just what do I gain from such 'petty' deprivations? I do so feel the pressure as Ash Wednesday approaches!

So, can I free you now from this? You do not *have to* give up anything for Lent. You do not *have to* fast from your favourite foods. You don't even *have to* pray, or, for that matter, you do not *have to* go to church. But here's the trade-off: you *do have to* do at least one *conscious* kind act on each of the forty days of Lent. You may do much more, but one is the minimum.

Feel better now about Lent, that many of the '*have to do*' things don't apply to you? But remember, this is so only because you agree to be consciously kind, generous, compassionate, emphatic, caring etc. at least once every day during Lent. That includes Sundays – and St Patrick's day as well! Only on Easter Sunday morning will you be let off the hook.

But by then, this kind altruistic way of living will be second nature to you. You'll have found that it was so life giving for you and others that you'll dare not stop. It will almost have become part of your DNA. I don't mean just being kind, empathic etc, but living all these beautiful qualities *consciously*. You will have acquired the habit of living in a radically different way.

Yet, I must correct myself here. Perhaps I am breaking the 'rules' of Lent by telling you what you do not *have to* do. Still, I doubt whether you'll be able to do **40 for 40** without taking '*time out*' to be still, alone with yourself (and maybe God?), in solitude, content with self, and realising that there must surely be more to life than the day-to-day routine. In case you're confused, yes, this '*time out*' does mean prayer, maybe not as you have known prayer before, but prayer, nevertheless. You may begin to view others in a different way, too. You may come to understand just why God and church matters so much to them.

You might acknowledge too, perhaps for the first time, just how much you matter to others and how your life impacts positively on theirs through your simple 40 Acts over 40 days! You may experience the contagiousness of virtue!

You might wonder about others who have embarked on this 40 Acts with you. And you may look for proof that it works. Then you'll come across people like John the Baptist and his cousin, Jesus. Both are documented as spending 40 Days alone on a frugal diet in a desert, consciously aware of what they were doing, and why. And they both emerged stronger – you'll know this from your school days. How they needed every ounce of character and personal integrity to accept what was to be their lot: both were cruelly and unjustly treated while continuing to live a life enriched with so many beautiful qualities, principal among which was their character and their integrity, never shirking from doing what they knew to be right.

You may wonder just how the character of both could be so formed in as simple a way as spending 40 days living consciously the best of human virtues and values. Then both later displaying the sheer joy of experiencing the marriage between their values and their behaviour, just how each supported the other.

You'd like some of this joy, would you not? So why not commit to 40 Acts for 40 Days, beginning this coming Ash Wednesday – and living each day more consciously than you usually have done. And because this is focussed on others, imagine the change that would come about in our communities.

A simple dab of ash on your forehead this coming Wednesday would be a reminder to you and others of your commitment. So why not come along to Our Lady's School at **9.30am on Wednesday morning**, or later in the day, at **7.00pm. at St Anne's**. Let's begin this life changing pilgrimage together.

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 2 March 2025

Sunday 2 March	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Second Collection today Cathedral Maintenance (New Missals page 808) Refreshments after both Masses
Monday 3 March	No Mass		
Tuesday 4 March	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Wednesday 5 March	9.30am 7.00pm Mass	Our Lady's School Wappenbury	Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6 March	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Friday 7 March	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Saturday 8 March	No Mass		
Sunday 9 March	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	First Sunday of Lent (New Missals page 819) Second Collection: Walsingham Shrine Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 23 February 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
23 February 2025	£100.00		£66.60	

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Interest Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Interest Forms so far. This is a great help in organising the events of 2025. The response has been wonderful and much is being organised.

Regarding GDPR regulation, any information you provide for the parish will be managed with great confidentiality. For this reason, I need to confirm with those who have returned information forms to me that you are content for any member of the Jubilee Team to have access to your email address. This will enable direct contact with you and whichever member of the team is allocated responsibility for a specific event. You will, therefore, receive an email from Fr Teddy early next week.

Please reply by Friday 7 March 2025 using fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk

It is important that you reply, please.

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@rcaob.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.*

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 March	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 12 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Sarah Cusworth
Wednesday 19 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Loretta Curtis
Thursday 20 March	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 22 March	9.15am	Littlemore, Oxford	Pilgrimage to Blessed Dominic Barberini/College of St John Henry Newman (TBC)
Wednesday 26 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Patsy Monahan
Wednesday 2 April	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with David McLouglin
Friday 4 April	10.00am	Wappenbury	Mass with Exposition until 2.00pm
Wednesday 9 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Readers Ministry
Thursday 17 April	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Thursday of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday
Friday 18 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe	Good Friday
Saturday 19 April	8.00pm	Wappenbury	Holy Saturday Reflective Service and Mass
Sunday 20 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Easter Day
Saturday 26 April	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Wappenbury	Afternoon Tea – by invitation



In The Event Of Unsafe Driving Conditions – Urgent Message

In consideration of any 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.

Prayer Lists

Please let me, or Loretta, know if we can update any of the information on both lists.

There are a number of people who are unwell or still in hospital. I would be helpful to know if there has been any improvement in their situation.

Similarly, if you would like anyone on the bereavement prayer list removed, please let Loretta or me know,

Thank you.



The Mop And Bucket Brigade Need Help!

We have a very small number of parishioners that come and clean St Anne's on a regular basis. Frankly, they need help!

It takes two people a couple of hours to do a good job. The only proviso is that you let me know when you are coming so I can give you access to the garage for the equipment.

The list is on the board in St Anne's porch. Please sign up and come and help.

Now Looking For - Anyone Else Able to Help?

Thank you to everyone who has offered or donated tea sets, and cake stands They will be put to good use over the coming months at St Anne's.

We are now in need of sugar bowls, milk jugs, cake forks, coffee and tea pots – all in the pretty themed intention of the afternoons.

We would also like to decorate the marquee on St Anne's terrace. If anyone is handy with a sewing machine and can sew triangles of pretty cloth into bunting, it would be lovely to receive any donations.

Lastly, we also need any round patio tables and chairs, similar to the picture above. If you are revamping your garden this year, please let us have your tired pvc tables and chairs. Collection would be available.

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



PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Kenilworth Parish is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes and welcome parishioners, family and friends from local parishes. **Tuesday 24 – Saturday 28 June**. Convenient midday flights from Birmingham. Price is **£747.50p** in a twin/double. Including flights, 4 star central hotel, all meals and comprehensive travel insurance. Limited single rooms available (supplement payable).

For further details and a booking form, contact Peter Rand, pilgrimage organiser. peter.rand@btinternet.com 01926 852163.

Bookings and deposits required by 9 March to guarantee flights. Online and hard copy booking options available.

DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025

A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30am Arrival and Mass, coffee and a talk, guided visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition with Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3.00pm.

Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. The College is about 50 miles from St Anne's and would take about an hour to drive.



There are some cars travelling to Littlemore from St Anne's on this day. Please let Loretta or me know by **Monday evening 3 March** if you would be interested in attending the day. Thank you.

Jubilee Year – Outreach Programme

As part of our St Anne's Jubilee Year Programme the Jubilee Team wishes to support, with your help, a food bank in the Warwickshire area. Part of this initiative will also include collection of clothing; men's, woman's and children's.

More about this and other event in the coming weeks.

Holy Communion at Home during Lent

If you are unable to come to church during Lent and if you would like Holy Communion weekly, please let me know and I will arrange this for you. For your convenience, I would agree a time with you.

Prayers offered at Our Lady's Shrine Lourdes

Basil Drobyk will be travelling to Lourdes with the archdiocesan pilgrimage from 24 – 27 April 2025. It is customary for people going to Lourdes to bring prayers or intentions on behalf of others to the shrine. Please contact Basil if you wish him to bring your prayers to Lourdes – Basil will be delighted to oblige.

Princethorpe College – Admissions 2026

Entrance Examinations for entry to the College in September 2026 will take place on **Saturday 8 November 2025** and the deadline for registrations is **Friday 26 September 2025**. In the run up to the entrance exams we have various events planned.

Our **Spring Open Morning** will take place on **Thursday 13 March 2025 from 10.30am to 12.30pm**, this is an opportunity for families to visit the College on a normal working day and be guided around the campus by our Year 8 and 9 pupils.

Later in the year our **Summer Open Evening** will take place on **Wednesday 4 June 2025 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**. This is an informal opportunity to look around the College and for children to participate in fun subject-related activities whilst parents chat to staff. Grove du Toit, our Headmaster, will also address visitors during the evening.

In May and June, we will be holding **Year 5 Taster Days**. These days give children the opportunity to spend a day at Princethorpe College, experiencing lessons, meeting current staff and pupils and getting a feel for senior school life.

For children in Years 4 and 5, we are also hosting a **Say Hello to Hockey** afternoon on **Friday 16 May 2025 from 4.15pm to 6.00pm**. Aimed at girls and boys of all abilities, this afternoon of free hockey training on our astroturf will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators.

We would be most grateful if you would also share the digital flyer (attached below) with your families. To book any of the above events, parents can scan the QR code on the flyer or simply click [here](#).

Should you have questions regarding the admissions process or the College in general, please direct them either to Catherine Rogers or Georgia Newborough, Assistant Registrar on 01926 634201/297 or admissions@princethorpe.co.uk.

Shoebox Appeal Goes Marathon!

One of the volunteers that supports Pam Hopwood, and her team, will be running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6 April. Any donations will be strictly going to the Stretton group to fund the boxes that are sent overseas.

Further information next week on how to donate, if you wish to do so.

. Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Nick Mottram who is quite ill at present in a care home in Ballsall Common. Nick is son of Tony and Pam Mottram, parishioners at St Anne's for much of their lives.

Tania and Phil, Jamie's parents, as they come to terms with Jamie's untimely death. Hold all Jamie's family and friends in your prayers.

Fr Gerry Daly MSC whose grandniece, Eva, 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.

The Cotterill Family (Kenilworth and USA) on the death of their father, Tony, on 30 December 2024.

Lisa McGowan, sister-in-law of Helen, Lisa is out of hospital and recuperating at home with plenty of physio.

John Warner, the builder who refurbished St Anne's in 2014, as he endures cancer treatment.

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 is continuing to work as Parish Priest in Tamworth as he receives treatment for his 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. Please continue to 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'Keefe 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

Jamie (19) who died unexpectedly and tragically recently. Hold Jamie's family and friends in your prayers
Brother Donal Hallissey MSC who died in Cork last week. Remember Donal, his family and the MSC community in Cork.
Tony Cotterill RIP (Kenilworth) who died on 30 December 2024.
Eve McCarthy (21) who died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga on 10 January. Eve is grandniece 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.
Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) RIP
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.
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 at the Princethorpe Foundation

Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages – Princethorpe College - We require a well-qualified, enthusiastic and energetic graduate to teach French from September 2025. The ability to teach French to Key Stage 5 is essential, as well as Spanish to at least Key Stage 3.

The successful candidate will be expected to motivate and inspire pupils of all ranges of ability across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 as well as stimulating further interest in the subject through extra-curricular clubs and events. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be an effective team player.

ECTs and more established teachers are equally welcome to apply; the College has a comprehensive induction programme leading to full QTS status. Single accommodation may also be available. Princethorpe has its own pay scale which is above national scales, and salary is by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March, at 9.00am with interviews likely to be held on Wednesday 12 March at Princethorpe College. Further information

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=2260>

Graduate Sports Coach – Princethorpe College - We are looking for a Graduate Sports Coach to join our thriving Sports Department for an academic year, from September 2025 to July 2026. We are looking for candidates who are passionate about sport and wish to share that passion with enthusiastic and energetic young people. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone with an interest in a future career in teaching, looking to gain ground level experience within a school.

The Graduate Sports Coach will be responsible for the teaching and coaching of several sports under the direction and guidance of the Foundation's Director of Sport and will also work closely with the Head of Girls' and Boys' Games and other sports staff. They must ensure that all teaching, coaching, administrative and pastoral tasks are completed efficiently and to a high standard, enabling the continued success, enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport at Princethorpe. It is hoped that they will add to the profile of the school and inject energy and enthusiasm into our pupils.

The role will also support other teaching staff in selected lessons and assist support staff across a range of duties including the student hub and administration and assist in whole school Open Events. This is an excellent opportunity to join our growing Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including a pension scheme and an Employee Assistance Programme that includes various benefits such as a cycle to work scheme.

The closing date for applications is Friday 14 March 2025 at 9.00am. Interviews are likely to be held week commencing 17 March 2025 at Princethorpe College.

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Graduate Teaching Assistant – Princethorpe College - We are looking for a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) to join us for an academic year, from September 2025 to July 2026. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone with an interest in a future career in teaching, looking to gain ground level experience within a school.

The role of the Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) at Princethorpe College is very varied and we try to accommodate the particular skills of each person. For example, there are opportunities to support our Games department with involvement in teaching and coaching several sports or supporting teachers of other subjects may also be offered, i.e., Technology, or, where appropriate, Languages.

Key skills of each person will be used wherever possible in their related subject. In addition, regular tasks like bus duty, playground supervision, supporting the administrative staff, the supervision of pupils in after school study, and admin-based tasks such as Duke of Edinburgh's Award or House administration are shared out fairly between all the GTAs.

Flexibility is an important part of the job. Liaising with your line manager over unexpected and significant jobs is a central part of the role. Occasionally there are weekend or evening events which the GTA's support, for example, Entrance Exam Day, Open Days and Progress Evenings.

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