

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury

with

Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

Sunday 16 March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Year C

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Second Collection – Lent Fast CAFOD

“The only true law is that which leads to freedom”

(Jonathan Livingston Seagull)



My older brother, Jim, died some years ago in Bishop Stortford General Hospital. He had collapsed on his kitchen floor from a massive heart attack and, for three days, as he lay on life support machines, I shared his wife's experience watching him fade away, as one major organ after another failed. During those days, he survived under the watchful care of a wonderful medical profession. While he was being *'kept alive'*, one could not say that Jim was really *'alive'* in any real sense of *'life'*. He *'slipped away'*, so to speak, as we watched, remembering the genuine Jim with whom we had shared so much.

As I celebrated his anniversary recently, I reflected on this event of years gone by. It was a sort of personal Lenten reflection as I wondered just what *'life support structures'* - habits, behaviour patterns, substitutes - I have adopted throughout my long life to *'keep me alive'*. Some people, it is said, stop living in order to survive. Stop doing what they would dearly wish to do because of some fear or another. Or continue with some self-destructive behaviour pattern because these have *'done their job'*, keeping at bay a real and in-depth experience of self, especially those not-so-nice aspects of self that can induce feelings of guilt and shame.

Yet, we should not fear either of these emotions. They speak to us, as do all our feelings, of some undernourished need in our lives. As we journey through Lent, and as each day ages us, experiencing the fullness of who we are, and letting others know that person, can be possible when we adapt our way of living, choosing to live from the *'house of love'* and moving out of the *'house of fear'*. The former meaning that we live with the conscious awareness of God's unconditional love for us, if that does not sound too hackneyed a phrase, a love that takes each one of us just as we are. Freeing us from our felt need/drive to *'prove ourselves'* to whatever mythical demanding person hides within us and from any accompanying guilt.

Jesus knew that, sometimes during our lives, we would succumb to this way of living. You may recall the seemingly confusing statements He made about *'losing your life to gain it'*, and *'gaining your life through losing it'*. He was implying that risk taking is part of being human. Taking the risk to *'be yourself'* and then watching this space!

Here, then, is another Lenten invitation: let others see us, unashamedly, as we really are, once each day of Lent, because we are one of those of whom God said at the end of each day of creation: *"God saw that it was good"* (Genesis 1). The Beatles sung of this approach to life in *"Let it Be"* (1970), preceded by Judy Garland *"Over the Rainbow"* (1939) and, of course, Louis Armstrong *"What a Wonderful World"* (1967) and, in our time, and for you her fans, Taylor Swift in *"Long Love"* (2010).

Priests and religious begin their prayer each morning with the words of Psalm 94: *"Oh, that today, you would listen to the voice of the Lord, harden not your heart"*. Can we all invite God to reveal to us this week our acquired *life support systems* that keep us *'alive'* but perhaps not *'fully alive'*?

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 16 March 2025

Sunday 16 March	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Second Sunday of Lent (New Missals page 824) Second Collection – Lent Fast CAFOD Refreshments after both Masses Ted and Janice Murray (50 yrs married) living in Kerry.
Monday 17 March	11.00am Mass	Irish Club L'Spa	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
Tuesday 18 March	8.30am Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Dan Garvey RIP Jubilee Team Meeting
Wednesday 19 March	7.00pm	House Mass	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Loretta Curtis, 10 Arden Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2DU
Thursday 20 March	No Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Friday 21 March	8.45am	Wappenbury	Chat and Refreshments with the parents of Our Lady's School
Saturday 22 March	9.15am Departure	Wappenbury	Pilgrimage to Blessed Dominic Barberini/College of St John Henry Newman. Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 4LX
Sunday 23 March	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Third Sunday of Lent (New Missals page 829) Second Collection – The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 9 March 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
9 March 2025	£108.80		£75.55	

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Emails will be sent out this week to all who have shown interest in the various options for the Jubilee Year. We will have the most exciting year ahead. The Jubilee Team is working hard behind the scenes. Thank you in advance for all your support.

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 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 McLoughlin
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	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 30 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Readers Ministry
Saturday 10 May	7.00pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Leamington Spa	Bollywood Charity Night – for the BORAF (Barbara O'Rourke Arts Foundation)
Wednesday 14 May	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Eucharistic Ministry
Tuesday 20 May	11.00am	Address to be advised	House Mass with Valerie Graham

Now Looking For Royal Albert Tea Sets And Bunting, Please



Do you have a Royal Albert Tea Sets you would be willing to donate to St Anne's?

If you do, please let Sarah Cusworth or Loretta know. To support the funding of the Afternoon Teas we can sell on any Royal Albert tea sets.

We are also 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. Ideally the size should be 5ins across the top with a drop of 7ins for the triangular sides.

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

Allotments Available – Grow Your Own Fresh Produce!

With spring fast approaching, now is the perfect time to start planning your own vegetable garden! Imagine enjoying fresh, homegrown produce straight from your own plot.

🌱 Allotment plots available in Eathorpe – just a 5-minute drive from St Anne's!

If you're interested, please contact **Maurice** at mori50alla@yahoo.com for more details.

Get growing this season! 🌿 🍅 🥕



The Mop And Bucket Brigade – Need Help!

Oh Yes, please come forward! Help required to keep our Parish Church, St Anne's, in tip top order. We are very fortunate that Princethorpe staff clean the College Chapel for use each week. We all have the benefit of that support.

Please consider what you can do?



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.



Loretta and I will be attending the day if you would like a lift. We will be leaving St Anne's at 9.15am. Please let us know by **Monday 17 March. Numbers need to be booked at the venue.**

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 will be travelling to Lourdes with the archdiocesan pilgrimage from 24 – 30 April 2025. It is customary for people going to Lourdes to bring prayers 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.

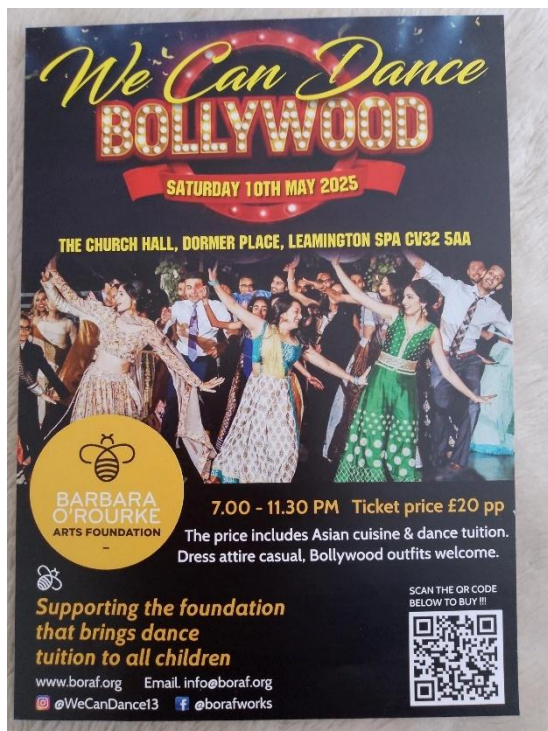
Shoebox Appeal Goes Marathon!

One of the volunteers, Lucia, 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. As each box costs £3.00 it is a worthy cause to support.

If you would like to sponsor Lucia, donations can be left with Pam or visit Lucia's Just Giving page [here](#)



Bollywood Comes To Leamington Spa!



On Saturday evening 10 May you will have the chance to enjoy a fun-filled night out and all for charity.

Sean O'Rourke and his friends are organising another great event. The foundation (BORAT) was set up to support dance tuition for all children.

Please make a note in your diary – wear Bollywood outfits if you wish! The more colour the better! Asian cuisine and dance tuition included.

Tickets available by using the QR code or from Sean and Loretta.

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.

. 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. This is an extremely difficult time for them all. Jamie's funeral was held recently in London.

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.

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.

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

Dan Garvey RIP who died a couple of weeks ago.

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 recently. Remember Donal, his family and the MSC community in Cork.

Tony Cotterill RIP (Kenilworth) who died recently.

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.

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.

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.

Vacancy at the Princethorpe Foundation

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. Further information [here](#)

Attendance and Pupil Support Officer – Princethorpe College - We seek to recruit a part-time Attendance and Pupil Support Officer to join our busy and friendly Pastoral Support team. The Attendance & Pupil Support Officer is to be the point of contact for parents delivering/collecting pupils during the morning at the Pupil Hub and to maintain school attendance procedures.

This is a permanent 15 hour a week role, working 8.00am to 4.00pm (including a 30 minute unpaid break) on Thursday and Fridays, term time only plus INSET days (36 weeks of the year), based at Princethorpe College.

The salary range is £24,375 to £25,643 per annum, full time equivalent. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website www.princethorpe.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 our growing Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including discounted places for staff, a pension scheme and an Employee Assistance Programme that includes various benefits such as a cycle to work scheme.

Application: To apply for this vacancy applicants must submit a Princethorpe College application form, together with a CV and covering letter detailing personal qualities, experience and how you meet the person specification for the role. Applicants must ensure the application form is fully completed, including a detailed career history with specific dates.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is Monday 24 March 2025, at 9.00am with interviews likely to be held week commencing 31 March 2025 at Princethorpe College.

Further information [here](#)