

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 6 April 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C
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A Moral Choice Confronting us in 2025

In Sean O'Casey's play, "Juno and the Paycock", (1924/1925), Captain Boyle is quoted as saying, in desperation of the state of the world, that "*the whole world is in a state of chassis*" (chaos). Can we not make the same claim 100 years later, in 2025? Invasions, financial crashes, challenges to life itself.

Yet again, the value of life continues to be questioned and challenged. The present Bill on Assisted Dying must continue to be challenged. As Christians in the Catholic tradition, we surely cannot let this simply 'pass' through parliament.

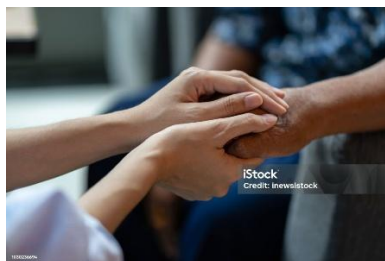
I pose a question to us all: could failure to protest constitute a sin in 2025?

Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Archdiocese presents us with some serious thinking in his current Pastoral letter, attached to this email. I urge you to read it, and to afford it some serious reflection, and to engage in conversation about it with others. It is likely to impact on us all sooner or later.

Archbishop Bernard urges us all to write to our MP, such a simple request, is it not?

So, I ask: Is there not a moral obligation on each of us at this time to act?

What do you think?



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.*

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 6 April 2025

Sunday 6 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Fifth Sunday of Lent (New Missals page 838) Refreshments after both Masses
Monday 7 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Tuesday 8 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
Wednesday 9 April	8.30am Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Readers On-Going Formation
Thursday 10 April	8.30am Mass 1.45pm 7.00pm	Wappenbury Our Lady's School Wappenbury	Lenten Lunch Jubilee Committee
Friday 11 April	10.00am Mass	Wappenbury	Cissie Power, Peter Power's mother (1 st ann)
Saturday 12 April	No Mass		
Sunday 13 April	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (New Missals page 153) Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 30 March 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
30 March 2025	£65.36		£136.50	

Donating By Contactless Payments



Beginning on **Sunday 13 April 2025**, the opportunity to donate to the Sunday Collection by Contactless Payment using Debit or Credit Card will be offered at St Anne's Parish Church, Wappenbury. Later, this will be available at Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe College as well.

Donating using the Collection Bags will continue as normal, alongside donating by Contactless Payments.

If you have any questions, please ask me after Mass today.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

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
Thursday 24 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 26 April	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Wappenbury	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 30 April	7.00pm – 8.30pm	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

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Saturday 26 April – 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Our Jubilee Year of Hope kicks off with Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea on Saturday 26 April on the Terrace at St Anne's.

This promises to be a very special afternoon of sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee under the cover of the marquee.

If you would like to attend this relaxing afternoon event please contact Loretta, after Mass, by email to her parish email address or by telephone to 07951 256796. We have limited places so please let her know if you would like to come by Monday 15 April.



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.

Don't Forget - Prayers offered At Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes By Basil Drobyk

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.

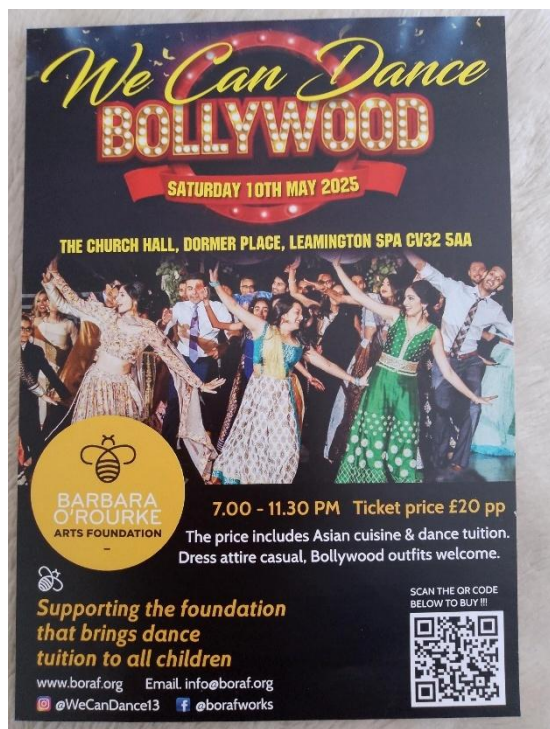
WeBelieve - Friday 25 July To Monday 28 July 2025

A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind.

Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Chester Road, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [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.

Lunch at Our Lady's School, Princethorpe

Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe will host a Lenten Lunch in the school hall at 1.45pm on **Thursday 10th April**. Any parishioner who wishes to attend will be most welcome.

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.

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

Kevin Gibson, Clare's husband, who is quite ill in UHCW at the present time. Kevin has had serious surgery which has gone well to date. Please join your prayers with those of Clare, her family and friends in thanking God for beginning Kevin's healing process. Include in your prayers the wonderful NHS staff for their skills, dedication and attention to detail.

Patrick who has had a serious setback in his illness.

Tim Malin, who has had an operation last week in the Meriden Hospital, Coventry. The operation went well. Maria's daughter, Michelle, who has also had an operation. Please pray for Tim, Maria and all the family.

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.

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.

Sue Kimberley. We give thanks to God this week for Sue's on-going strength. Sue has now started on further treatment. Continue to hold her in your 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'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.

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 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.

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

Performing Arts Technician and Administrator – Princethorpe College - We are seeking a candidate on a term time only part time basis, to provide comprehensive technical and administrative support to the Performing Arts life of the School, both curricular and co-curricular. The Performing Arts Technician will fulfil the technical requirements and necessary administration for Performing Arts performances, charity events, and trips.

The postholder will assist the Music, Drama and Dance departments in the planning, preparation, and administration of Performing Arts Events. For example, the Whole school Drama Production, Whole School and Lower School Musical Theatre Productions, as well as GCSE, BTEC and A-level Performances and Trips. The postholder will also support the IT department with providing AVA support to events across the College.

We welcome applications from anyone with a strong Performing Arts background and it would be especially suited to a recently graduated candidate. We appreciate this is a unique combination of skills required but we will be happy to discuss fit and training needs at interview. Single accommodation available.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 8 April at 9.00am and interviews will be held after the Easter break, week commencing 28 April, at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – KS2 (part time) – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding part time Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

This is a part time teaching role, equivalent to 0.5 of a full time role, and is based at Crescent School.

The ideal working pattern would be five mornings a week, 8.30am to either 11.20am or 12.20pm each day. We also welcome applications from candidates who can offer the required number of hours across four days of the week. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, 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. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – Lower KS2 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding lower Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

The timetable for children in lower Key Stage 2 at Crescent involves a number of specialist-taught lessons, in addition to English, maths and PSHE which are delivered by the form teacher.

This is a full time teaching role and is based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience. **Closing date:** The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, 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. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – KS1 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding Key Stage 1 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

This is a full-time role based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

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