

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 8 June 2025 Solemnity of Pentecost Year C
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Prayers and blessings for our Pilgrimage Walkers this Sunday. May God keep you safe.

From the Bishops of England and Wales

"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, is fast approaching its decisive vote in the House of Commons which will likely take place on either the 13th or 20th of June.

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales oppose this flawed bill both in principle and in practice. Among the many concerns, we are particularly alarmed by the following:

- This legislation would require many hospices and care homes to facilitate assisted suicide. This will put in jeopardy their ability to provide care. Parliament has rejected an amendment that would have allowed institutions to opt out of participating in the provision of assisted suicide.*
- The provisions for conscientious objection for health and social care workers are both unclear and inadequate. This problem will not be addressed by proposed amendments.*
- Safeguards against coercion for the most vulnerable are wholly inadequate, particularly in cases involving coercive control or social pressure. During Committee Stage, the bill's main proponent was unable to confirm whether individuals seeking assisted suicide due to financial concerns or feelings of being a burden would be prevented from accessing it.² Since then, no progress has been made, and many MPs consider the existing safeguards insufficient, with the potential to result in a "terrible tragedy."*

We note the opposition for the bill from key professional bodies including the Royal College of Psychiatrists whose members will be expected to be involved in the process of assessing those who elect for assisted suicide.

We have already seen the bill weakened during Committee Stage. In addition, MPs are expected to debate nearly 60 pages of amendments in under 15 hours. The whole process by which this bill has been brought forward and debated is insufficient for such a radical change.

We urge Catholics, and all people of goodwill, to contact their MP and ask them to vote against this bill. We also ask you to pray that our representatives choose to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this country when they vote later this month.

Archbishop John Sherrington Lead Bishop for Life Issues and Archbishop of Liverpool.

Is it enough for evil to survive (thrive) that good people do nothing?

Should we not, then, again contact our MP and inform him/her of our serious concerns - now?

Is this bill destined to travel to same route as the Abortion Act 1967 has gone since 1968?

Recall the plight of Catholic Adoption Services in recent years because of changed legislation.

Diary dates for Week Beginning Sunday 8 June 2025

Sunday 8 June	8.30am 5.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Solemnity of Pentecost (new Missal page 876) Caroline McSweeney and family NOTE: There is no 10.30am Mass at Princethorpe College today Pilgrims Walk Mass
Monday 9 June	10.00am Mass 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church Faith Leaders Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 10 June	No Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury	History Presentation of St Anne's by Paul Waddoups - No charge
Wednesday 11 June	10.00am Mass 7.30pm	Wappenbury Princethorpe College	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle Performance by St Martin's, Finham, Gospel Choir – no charge – collection at the end of the evening for the choir funds
Thursday 12 June	10.00am Mass 2.00pm - 8.00pm	Wappenbury	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest A Reflective opportunity to take some time in the church or in the grounds of St Anne's
Friday 13 June	10.00am Mass 6.00pm – 10.00pm	Wappenbury	Young Adults BBQ – no charge
Saturday 14 June	No Mass 2.00pm – 6.00pm	Wappenbury	Family Fun Afternoon – games for the children, bring your own picnic/chairs/etc This replaces the usual July Summer Gathering.
Sunday 15 June	10.00am	Princethorpe	The Celebration of Mass by His Grace, the Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley. Followed by light refreshments in the College Sixth Form Centre. Please note – there will be no 8.30am Mass that morning.

Sunday Collection – 1 June 2025

Date 1 June 2025	Wappenbury Offertory £121.00	Second Collection Catholic Communications £28.00	Princethorpe Offertory £92.98	Second Collection Catholic Communications £10.70
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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.*

Introducing A Refreshments Rota After Mass At Wappenbury

The After Mass refreshments are a huge success. It would be very helpful to introduce a preparation and clear-up rota from Sunday 29 June at Wappenbury.

Basically, it would be arriving at Wappenbury for 8.00am, filling the flasks with hot water, laying out the mugs with tea and coffee etc. At the end then loading the dishwasher and wiping down the work surface and leaving the kitchen tidy.

Jules and Sarah are happy to show you what to do. Rota to sign up will be in the porch. Please help out when you can.

Jubilee Year – Outreach Programme

How to support our local food banks:

Many of you already support food banks on a regular basis by donating at supermarket drop offs or donating monthly to the Trussell Trust. Please continue to do so. However, many of us use home delivery services or sometimes get to the check out and forget to pick up extra items for donation.

We are offering you the opportunity to donate on a regular basis by bringing much needed food items over two Sundays each month. The shopping list will be updated monthly.

All items need to be well in date, cupboard food stuffs, not fresh.

This month there are nine urgent items needed: Tinned vegetables, cooking sauce, UHT long-life milk, Instant mash potato, Jam, fruit juice or squash, dry noodles, male toiletries, female toiletries.

Thank you everyone.

Please note: Any item donated for the food bank must have at least **one month left** to the "use before" date

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](#).

This event is a project of [The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom](#) and [St Mary's College, Oscott](#). St Anne's received a grant from the Ransom Trust earlier this year. This promises to be a worthwhile weekend, focussed on families, with input and celebration for all age groups. A great way to meet families just like yours.

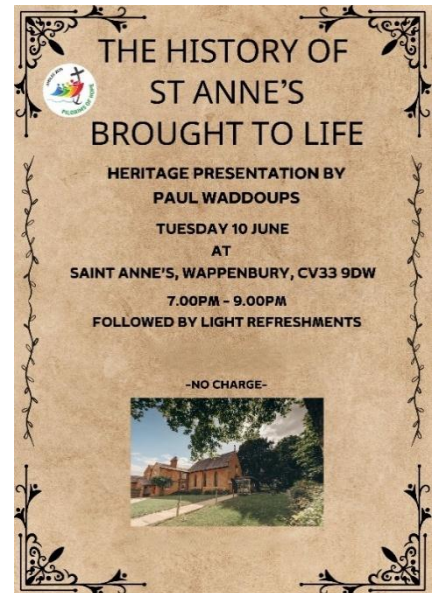
Please check it out. I will be attending at some point during the weekend.

Tuesday 10 June – Our Jubilee Week – 7.00pm

Come along on Tuesday 10 June for a wonderful, informative evening on the History of St Anne's.

Paul Waddoups, one of our parishioners, has a passion for history. This presentation will give us further insight into how St Anne's came into being, the priests that served our community and the dangers that Catholics suffered to celebrate their faith.

It is hoped we can fill St Anne's for Paul's presentation and have some light refreshments on the Terrace for a short while afterwards.



St Martin's, Gospel Choir Performs In Princethorpe College Chapel On Wednesday 11 June at 7.30pm

St Martin's Gospel Choir, Finham, will perform in The Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe College on Wednesday 11 June at 7.30pm.

Please come along to listen to the most wonderful, uplifting singing.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

There is no charge – a collection will be taken at the end of the evening for the choir funds.

Charity Fashion Show on Friday 4 July 2025 at the Holiday Inn, Kenilworth – On behalf Of Loretta

An excellent opportunity to buy a bargain and support Medics to Medics at the same time.

A paramedic who quit her job in the NHS in order to continuously take vital medical supplies to Ukraine has said it has become her life's work.

Kate Wilson left her job in the NHS in May 2021, and is now preparing for another trip into Ukraine.

Tickets, £10.00, need to be bought in advance, please see Loretta.

A wonderful evening, great fun and a chance to help Medics to Medics.

Thank you

"A rare opportunity to ensure the help needed gets to where it is needed when it is needed". Fr Teddy MSC

Chris Harris Is Offering An On-Line Bible Study Course

Several parishioners have expressed an interest in a Bible Study course. Chris Harris, a parishioner who comes to Princethorpe on a Sunday, is a very experienced provider of Catholic Home Study courses.

What follows immediately below provides some initial information about this course. If you wish to require further information about this course, please contact me, and contact Chris direct on charrislifelight@btinternet.com



A WARM WELCOME to the St Anne's course of study on the Church.

This course is one of several activities to mark this Jubilee year 2025. It offers a short period of reflection on matters which relate to us as members of a Catholic parish. It is open to all, may be followed with different levels of participation and does not involve much commitment in terms of time.

It is also free of charge!

How does it work?

The course is divided into six units. Each unit has been designed to provide enough to think about for a week's reflection – although you can take as long as you like! Each course-participant will receive one unit per week by email attachment. You are free to print out this course-material or just read through it from your screen.

This module on The Church was the first Life Light module to be written and has been found useful by thousands of past course-participants. The latest 2025 edition incorporates the current Roman Synod of Bishops on Synodality. You will be fully up to date by the end of your course!

If you would like to discuss the course-material, raise any difficulties or share any insights, I will be available after the 10.30 Mass at Princethorpe on each Sunday for the duration of the course.

More about Life Light

Heather and I developed these home-study courses over the past 50 years. During that time, we have enrolled well over 14,000 course-participants – mostly teachers but also interested parish-members. If you would like to know more, Posting the Word is on sale in the Prayer Room. Or direct from www.sacristy.co.uk. Also, from Amazon.

How do I enrol? Send your name and email address to charrislifelight@btinternet.com

Chris Harris

THE CHURCH

Preliminary Information

THE SHAPE of the pre-Vatican II Catholic Church was often described as a pyramid. At the apex was the Pope. Beneath him were the Cardinals, the Bishops, the Priests - in descending order. Finally, there were the layfolk. At each level one was subject directly or indirectly to those above. Nothing was normally done without their approval, or at least their knowledge.

The Vatican II Constitution on the Church redefined the Church and changed its pyramid shape. This change was to have repercussions affecting the relationships not only between the hierarchy and the laity, but between the

Church and other Christian groups, and between the Church and the World. These changes passed into the 1983 Code of Canon Law and became the official law of the Catholic Church.

However, for many years these changes made little difference to the life of the Church. In particular, many Vatican officials found it difficult to leave behind the mind-set that belonged to the age of the pyramid. Pope Francis set out to implement Vatican II, notably through the 16th Roman Synod of Bishops on Synodality (2021-2024). This module will lay before you relevant material from the Bible, church history, canon law, sociology and especially the Synod on Synodality. This should help you discern the main features of the Church of tomorrow. By the end of this module, you should be in a better position to understand on-going changes to church structures and to live and work with confidence within the Church.

ARRANGEMENT OF THIS MODULE

Unit: Topic:

1. The Churches of the Bible
2. The Church of our grandparents
3. Vatican II: Re-introducing the People of God
4. Law and Authority. The new role of the Laity
5. The Parish Community and its Ministers
6. The Church and the World. Revision.

Diary of Events

Thursday 19 June	7.30pm	Pastoral Forum Meeting	St Francis, Kenilworth
Monday 23 June	11.00am	House Mass	Val Mclean 34 Scowcroft Drive, Bishops Itchington, Southam, CV47 2YP. If anyone would like a lift to Val's from St Anne's please let Loretta know.
Sunday 29 June	11.00am – 7.00pm	Princethorpe Summer Fest 2025	Princethorpe College - live music, a theatre show, literary talks, activities, games and crafts, in addition to the popular vintage car display and the annual art exhibition. Rock Choir will be performing.
Monday 30 June	6.30pm	St Joseph's, Monks Kirby	Cluster Meeting
Tuesday 1 July	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting

New Missals

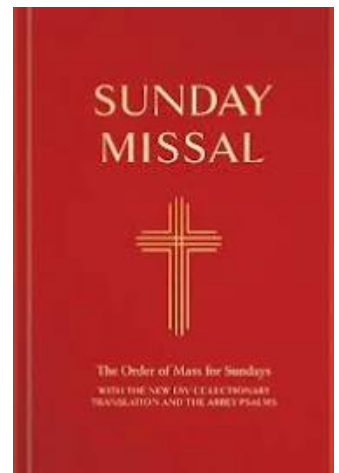
The order for more new Missals has been placed this week.

If you have ordered a Missal and not yet paid, please pass the cash in an envelope marked with the amount and name to Loretta or me as soon as possible.

I have ordered twenty, ten red and ten blue. Please make your preference known on the envelope. I will try and accommodate your request.

If you have already paid, please let Loretta or me know which colour to reserve for you.

Thank you.



Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Kathy Bond who is in UHCW suffering with a broken pelvis. Kathy had a fall recently. Please keep Kathy in your prayers.

Caroline McSweeney and family on the death of Caroline's sister, Paula Kavanagh.

Tony and Jane Phayer on the death of Tony's brother, Michael.

Noel Moynihán who is ill in Solihull.

Frs Eamonn Donohoe, Sean Horgan, Dan O'Brien and Jimmy Stubbs, MSC priests who are in nursing homes in Ireland.

Barrie Maguire recovering from a serious head injury.

Kate Field, Anne's daughter, who is waiting for a heart procedure at St Barts Hospital London.

Sonia and Alice, remembering David on his recent first anniversary.

David Scannell, prayers for all the family, please.

Kevin Gibson, Clare's husband, who has returned home. Please join your prayers with those of Clare, her family and friends in thanking God for continuing 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, 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.

Parishioner who has been declared in remission last week.

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.

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.

Veronica and Paul, prayers please.

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.

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

Paula Kavanagh RIP, Caroline McSweeney's sister.

Michael Phayer RIP, brother to Tony Phayer, who died last week.

Sister Briege RIP, passed away recently in Enniskillen.

Stephen Parker RIP who died on 22 April 2025

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

Maurice Griffin RIP (7th. Anniversary)

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.