



**CORPUS CHRISTI, ST. ALPHONSUS AND
ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC CHURCH
OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WHEATLEY**



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**Corpus Christi Church,
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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Sunday 21st January 2018 The Third Sunday of the Year

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Michael Ryder

Corpus Christi 11.00 am

6.30 pm Rosbias Nueva Carandang

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle : Breviary Week 3

Monday 22nd 9.15am Bill Finnell 6.30 pm

Tuesday 23rd 9.15am Thomas Tyler 6.30 pm

Wednesday 24th 9.15am St.Francis de Sales. John Mongan 6.30 pm

Thursday 25th No Morning Mass Conversion of St.Paul 6.30 pm

Friday 26th 9.15am Sts.Timothy & Titus. Yebra Family 6.30 pm

Saturday 27th 10.00 am Joe Finley

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish

Corpus Christi 9.00 am

Corpus Christi 11.00 am Thanksgiving

Corpus Christi 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday 10.30 to 11.00 am or any time at call.

Baptisms by appointment, normally first Sunday of the month at 12.30 pm.

Marriages normally require six months' notice.

Scripture Reflection

We begin reading today semi-continuously, Sunday after Sunday, to the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Cycle B of the Lectionary. Jesus' public ministry begins with his proclamation of the Kingdom and the call of the first disciples by the Sea of Galilee. There is an urgency about this, which permeates the whole Gospel (Gospel: Mark 1:14-20). Jonah tries to escape his vocation but in the end has to go to preach repentance to the Ninevites who listen to him (First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10). St. Paul urges the followers to concentrate on what really matters as the last days are at hand (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Lord make me know your ways (Psalm 24/25:4).

You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Henry II. This week's question: 'Of which Apostle was St. Mark traditionally the scribe?'

Please check each week in the Newsletter whether or not there is Mass at the Priory.

Please park legally in the streets around the Church. We have had some complaints recently from our neighbours.

Homeless in Winter: The Gatehouse are appealing for hats, scarves, gloves, socks, vests and women's pants. Donations can be placed in the box under the table at the back of Church. Unfortunately owing to storage limitations the Gatehouse cannot accept any larger items.

www.virc is a website that has the Sunday Scripture Readings in several European languages with a nice little meditation on the Readings.

Please ensure that your mobile phones are switched off during Mass. They can be a great distraction.

Children's Liturgy at the 11.00am Mass: we need more volunteers to help run this. No special training is required – just a willingness to help. Please see Ruth Kennell or Fr. Mervyn if you are willing. The Children's Liturgy began on the first Sunday after the Summer break.

This Sunday January 21st is the Feast of Santonino. Statues will be blessed at all Masses.

Churches Together in Headington: This Sunday January 21st there will be an Ecumenical Service at 3.00pm at Corpus Christi to mark the Sunday within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. All welcome.

Monday January 22nd at 7.00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

Tuesday January 23rd at 7.00pm: Parish Finance Committee Meeting.

June Dewhurst's **Requiem** will be on **Tuesday 6th February** at 10.30am here at Corpus Christi.

CAFOD Supporters' event – all welcome. Come and hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe, our Lent focus country. Deborah Purfield, CAFOD co-ordinator, amazing experience from her recent visit to El Salvador. Saturday 27th January at St. Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL and Wednesday 7th February at Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ND - Both days are from 10.15am – 1.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am) Please book a place – 01844 274724 or dpurfield@cafod.org.uk

World Meeting of Families: 21st – 26th August 2018 in Dublin: if any family would like to go to this event, would they please see Fr. Mervyn for more details.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – August 21st – 29th 2018, 5 nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Tiberius: 4-star hotels, full board, full programme with Mass every day in different Holy Places Cost £1,463. This is a very good price for this full package. We work with local Palestinian Christians for this pilgrimage. Details on sheets at the back of the Churches. Please write your name on the separate sheet if you are interested and take a booking form to be sent directly to Tangney with the £300 deposit.

Eucharistic Congress 'Adoremus' in Liverpool: 7th-9th September 2018. This is a national event. If you would like to go to it please see Fr. Mervyn for more details.

The Church Committees respectfully request all tax payers in the Parish if they would sign Gift Aid forms. This means we receive 25% extra cash from the government at no extra cost to those who gift aid. Gift Aid donators do not have to give any details of their income/accounts etc. – merely sign a form to state they pay tax. It is so simple.

Sacramental Preparation for children: would you kindly fill in the registration forms for your child/children if they are to receive the Sacraments of Initiation this next year at Corpus Christi. Normally children in Year 6 receive Confirmation and children in Year 3 the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Bishop Kenney will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30pm on Saturday May 12th 2018 and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday June 10th 2018.

Thursday Lunch Club would appreciate some raffle prizes – chocolates are well received! Gifts can be left in sacristy labelled TLC. Many thanks for all your support.

Parish Hall: if anyone would like to book the Parish Hall, the contact for bookings is Peter Selwood in the Parish Office on 01865 762433 on Monday or Wednesday morning or email any time on catholicheadington@gmail.com.

More Readers for the 6.30pm Sunday Mass: if anyone would be willing to be involved in this important ministry for the Parish, would he/she please contact Zenobia zenobiacarmel@gmail.com or Fr. Mervyn.

If you would like to look at some photos of the pilgrimage of the Venerable English College to Turkey, then please go to vecrome.org/events

Two-week Dog Carer – we are looking for someone to look after our old small Manchester Terrier for about 2 weeks around the middle of February. We would like him to get to know

the people who would be looking after him. He doesn't require long walks, sleeps most of the time and is used to sleeping in different environments. Contact – 07817 752789.

Catholic Schools: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

There is tea and coffee every other week after the 9.00 am Mass and every week after the 6.00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and after the 11.00am and 6.30 pm Mass at Corpus Christi. All are welcome.

Offertories : 14th January £632.88 Gift Aid £135

Please pray for

The sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Carol Ayrton, Fr. John Baggle, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, John Claydon, Nicholas Coote, June Dewhurst, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Dominic Gondreau, Yvonne Goonesekara, Mario Kim (Fr Paul Kim's father), Joan Knatt, Rene Hilland, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia & Colville Lobendhan, Sandra Lockyer, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Pru Murray, Averil Nathaniels, Ameia Padua, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Alba Thorning, Jack Tilley, Ruth Tilley, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Louise Williams.

Please pray for Caleb Lewis, John Mongan, Gerard Brady, Vincent Jambrone, June Dewhurst and Tina Drury and for all who have recently died.

Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

God our Father you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass.

Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you.

May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions of your Son Jesus Christ

and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Team Members

Parish Safeguarding: Kate Gills

Gift Aid: Pat Warnock

Health and Safety: John Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers Co-ordinators:

Finance Committee: Chris Barrie

Freda (Wheatley); Another (Corpus Christi)

Parish Administrator: Peter Selwood

Readers at Corpus Christi: Zenobia

Parish Secretary: Freda Duckmanton

Readers at Wheatley: Marc Lafferty

Altar Servers: Chris Barrie

Music: 9.00 am Kate; 11.00 Leo & Randy 6.30 pm Clare

Parish Hall: Peter Selwood

Mosaic: Francesco

Lunch Club: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Anna and Richard Brooke 01865 760773

