



**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 7th January 2018 The Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Frank Coffey, Patrick & Kathleen Higging
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Ann Coyne
		12.30pm Baptism
		6.30 pm Johnson & Ivy's Intention

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle: Breviary Week 1

Monday 8 th	No morning Mass	Baptism of the Lord	-----
Tuesday 9 th	No morning Mass		6.30 pm
Wednesday 10	No morning Mass		6.30 pm
Thursday 11 th	No morning Mass		6.30 pm
Friday 12 th	9.15 am		6.30 pm
Saturday 13 th	10.00 am		

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Bridget Parsons
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Special Intention
	Corpus Christi	6.30 pm Thomman 26 th Anniversary

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

Only in Matthew's Gospel do we find the account of the Magi – wise people probably from Persia. They represent the entire gentile world that comes to adore the Messiah, guided as they are by the star. Herod represents all that would prevent them but despite his efforts, the Magi reach the goal of their journey (Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12). The truth that all peoples are called to come to the Lord is central to the oracle of Isaiah (First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6). St. Paul talks of the mystery – the plan revealed to Jews and Gentiles alike (Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord (Psalm 71/72:11).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 or Isaiah 55:1-1 or 1 John 5:1-9; Is 12; Mark 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Cologne Cathedral. This week's question: 'In which book of the Bible does the story of Balaam and his donkey occur?'

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

Thank you for all your cards, presents and offerings. It is most generous of you. A happy New Year full of the blessings of the Lord. Fr. Mervyn

Today there will be the traditional blessing of chalk at the Masses. Please take some if you wish and chalk on the lintel, door or threshold of your home: 20+C+M+B+18. The first and the last are the numbers of the year and C, M & B are the first initials of the traditional names of the Magi. CMB also stands for Christus mansionem benedicat – May Christ bless the home.

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.

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

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 : Tba

Please pray for

The sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Carol Ayrton, Fr. John Baggley, 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