



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



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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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Sunday 11th March 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent/Laetare/Mothering Sunday

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Eileen Mooney

**Corpus Christi 11.00 am
6.30 pm**

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 4

Monday 12 th	9.15am Faith Yebra	No Mass
Tuesday 13 th	9.15am Gabriela Lim	6.30 pm
Wednesday 14 th	9.15am In Thanksgiving	6.30 pm
Thursday 15 th	No Morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 16 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday 17 th	10.00am St. Patrick	

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
	Corpus Christi	9.00 am
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am
	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

Today Jesus proclaims the central truth of the Faith as he talks to Nicodemus about being born again – that God loves the world and sent his only Son. This means that when this is accepted, eternal life is bestowed here and now (Gospel: John 3:14-21). We have the very last part of the Hebrew Bible today – the summary of the fall of Jerusalem but also the decree of Cyrus allowing the people of Judah to rebuild the Temple (First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23). St. Paul teaches the richness of God's transforming grace (Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not' (Ps 136/7:6).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-3,5-16
Wednesday Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday Jeremiah 1:4-9; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Rubric. This week's question: 'Who was Ezekiel's father?'

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.

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.

If anyone, or you know of anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic please see Fr. Mervyn.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 16th at 6.30pm: The Traditional Stations.

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day: The final total was £1339.72. The UK Government will double this – so our collection has resulted in £2679.44 for CAFOD – a fantastic sum. Thank you.

Becoming a LiveSimply Parish: We are encouraged by Pope Frances to Live more simply, more sustainably and in solidarity with people in poverty. There was a good discussion about this last Wednesday evening. The Minutes will eventually be available and all will be able to comment.

Scripture Sharing: there will be two more sessions with Fr. Mervyn in the Quiet Room on Monday 12th and 19th March beginning at 7.00pm. We shall look at the Lenten Scriptures.

Date for the Diary: Fr. Mervyn will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on March 17th. At the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses he will renew his commitment to the priesthood and after each Mass there will be a celebration. After the 11.00am Mass there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Parish Hall. Please write your name on the list at the Entrance of Corpus Christi if you intend to bring some food. It is an occasion for all of us to thank God for the gift of priesthood in his Church.

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.

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. Please take a booking form to be sent directly to Tangney with the £300 deposit. There are still some places left for this.

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.

Please read the Note on Gift Aid on separate sheet.

Thursday Lunch Club: Thank you for all the lovely raffle prizes, very gratefully received. Do you know an elderly person living alone in Headington? They might like to come to the lunch club, for a home cooked meal and some company. For more details please ring Anna Brooke, 01865 760773. Please note that Waitrose Green Tokens can be offered for the Thursday lunch club during March – the more tokens the greater share of £1000. If you are shopping there please remember to give TLC your token.

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 catholiceadington@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.

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 : 4th March: Loose: £798.06 Gift Aid: £217.50 Cathedral Maintenance £142.73
With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.

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, 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, 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 all who have recently died, especially Pru Murray.

Parish Team Members

Parish Safeguarding: Kate Gills

Gift Aid: Pat Warnock

Health and Safety: John Kelly

**Eucharistic Ministers Co-ordinators:
Freda (Wheatley); Various (Corpus Christi)**

Finance Committee: Chris Barrie

Readers at Corpus Christi: Zenobia

Parish Administrator: Peter Selwood

Readers at Wheatley: Marc Lafferty

Parish Secretary: Freda Duckmanton

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

Altar Servers: Chris Barrie

Mosaic: Francesco

Parish Hall: Peter Selwood

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

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.