



**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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Sunday 18th March 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	Georgia Perera & Ranee Tissa
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Nora McGrath
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Bron Bull
		6.30 pm	

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

Monday 19th	9.15am St. Joseph. Tom Maughan	6.30pm
Tuesday 20th	9.15am Eddie Thorning	6.30pm
Wednesday 21st	9.15am Fr. Nong Yebra & All Priests	6.30pm
Thursday 22nd	No Morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 23rd	9.15am Itay & Inay Yebra	6.30pm
Saturday 24th	10.00am	

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday 25th	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

We read today from the last chapter of the first section of John's Gospel (chapters 1-12) which is full of pointers – signs – to the second section (chapters 13-20). Jesus announces that the hour has come – by this he means his Passion and teaches his disciples about the power of his death (Gospel: John 12:20-33). The only time the adjective 'new' is put with the word 'covenant' in the Old Testament is in Jeremiah. This brings a total and natural relationship with God (First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34). The perfection of the Son comes through his suffering which brings salvation (Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me' (Ps 50/51:12).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22;. Matthew 1-16,18-21,24 or Luke 2:41-51
Tuesday Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28; John 8:31-42
Thursday Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Buzi. This week's question: 'Which Saint was crushed to death in York in 1586?'

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 23rd at 6.30pm: The Tolkien 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.

Ride & Stride: Thank you to Beryl Moffat for organizing this. The Parish raised £570. Thank you to all sponsors and contributors.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Secondary School: if you are motivated to make a real contribution to the education of our children, please consider becoming a governor at the school. Would anyone interested please contact Fr. Mervyn.

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 a session with Fr. Mervyn in the Quiet Room on Monday 19th March beginning at 7.00pm. We shall look at the Lenten Scriptures.

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.

Gift Aid. 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. Would you please consider – if you are a tax payer – signing the Gift Aid form and handing it in to the Parish. As John Guy explained last week it is a painless way of raising the Parish income considerably. For existing parishioners in the Parish Gift Aid Scheme new boxes of envelopes for the new tax year are available at the back of church today. Please collect. Many thanks.

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 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.

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 : 11th March: Loose: £770.45 Gift Aid: £194.87

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 Baggle, 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, Frank Campbell, Margaret Cooper and Geoff Lockyer.

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); Various (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**

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.