



**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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St Gregory the Great Secondary School. T: 01865 749933

Sunday 1st April 2018 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm People of the Parish
Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Ken & Claire Sheahan
Corpus Christi 11.00 am Elizabeth Godfrey
6.30 pm

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

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| Monday 2 nd | 10.00am; Anita de Aralijo | 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 3 rd | 11.00am: Requiem: Margaret Cooper | 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 4 th | No morning Mass | 6.30pm |
| Thursday 5 th | No morning Mass | 6.30pm |
| Friday 6 th | No morning Mass | 6.30pm |
| Saturday 7 th | No morning Mass | |

Second Sunday of Easter

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| Sunday 8 th April | Our Lady of Lourdes | 10.00 am 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

It is Mary of Magdala who first discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Peter and John. Together they all run back to the tomb and begin to understand the teaching of the Scripture about the Resurrection of the Lord (Gospel: John 20:1-9). We hear nothing of Mary of Magdala in The Acts and it is Peter who leads the proclamation of the Resurrection as in the

speech to the first pagans converted to Christianity (First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43). St. Paul reminds the Colossians of the power of their baptism, the hidden life with Christ (Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad' (Ps 117/118:24).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

PARISH NOTICES

Deacon Michael Walsh is retiring from the Parish after many years of service. He is moving to Cork to help begin the Permanent Diaconate programme there. We thank Michael and wish him, Fiona and Damien a blessed future.

Fr. Mervyn thanks you for all your kind wishes, prayers, cards and presents for his anniversary celebration. Thank you to all who helped with the Bring and Share in any way. It was a very memorable occasion!

The collections this weekend will be the traditional Easter Offerings for the Parish Priest

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Holy Thursday morning. This week's question: 'How long does Easter last?'

A blessed and holy Easter and Easter season to you all. May the Risen Lord fill you and your families and friends with his Easter shalom!

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.**

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.

Volunteers for the Hospitals: volunteers are needed to help support the Chaplaincy team at the Hospitals, visiting the patients and on occasions taking Holy Communion to them. If anyone feels they would like to help, please see Fr. Mervyn. Volunteers are also needed for the League of Friends to help in the Cafeterias and Tea shops.

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.

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: if anyone else would like to join this please call Tangney tours.

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. 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.

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 : 18th March: Loose: £822.40 Gift Aid: £252.22
With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.

There is 24/7 Live Internet Camera operating in Corpus Christi Church

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, Frank Campbell, Margaret Cooper and Jeff 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.