



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



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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**There will be blessing of Palms before all Masses**

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

**Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Paddy Walsh**

**Corpus Christi 11.00 am Gemma Llanes**

**6.30 pm Eric**

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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**Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 2**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Bassima Kharman Ghanem; 6.30pm**

**10.30:FuneralService:JeffreyLockyer,St.Mary's,Wheatley**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Clive Eldridge 6.30pm**

**6.00 – 7.00pm Exposition and Confessions**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am; 11.30am Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Requiem: Frank Campbell**

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 8.00pm Easter Vigil**

**PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SHEET FOR FULL DETAILS**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Retiring Collection this weekend for Easter Flowers**

**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**

The Gospel for the Procession of Palms is the Entry into Jerusalem according to Mark. Only he records the part of the acclamation 'of our father David' linking Jesus firmly in the history of his people (Gospel: Mark 11:1-10). The Passion of Mark emphasizes the humanity of the Lord and the depth of his suffering (Passion: Mark 14:1-15;47). The third Song of the Suffering Servant proclaims that the Lord chooses the Servant to listen and speak and sustains him in his suffering (First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7). The hymn in Philippians is an ancient Christian poem incorporated into the text, singing of the abasement (Greek: *kenosis*) of Christ (Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Ps 21/22:1).

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

## **Scripture Readings for the week ahead**

Monday Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-15

Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

Saturday

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**On Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27<sup>th</sup>) there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00 – 7.00pm at Corpus Christi. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a visiting priest.**

**Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm: the Tolkien Stations.

**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 last weekend. Thank you to all who helped with the Bring and Share in any way. It was a very memorable occasion!

**Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Prayers:** at the Priory, Old Headington, led by members of Cornerstone Church. 7.45pm. All welcome!

**Easter Cards giving information about Easter Services at all the Headington Churches** are available at the back of church. Please Help distribute these in the roads marked on the bundles. Thank you.

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

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: St. Margaret Clitherowe. This week's question: 'When does Lent end?'

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 and **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**World Meeting of Families: 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2018:** if anyone else would like to join this please call Tangney tours.

**Eucharistic Congress 'Adoremus' in Liverpool: 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 : 18<sup>th</sup> March: Loose: £764.46 Gift Aid: £151.15**  
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, 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:  
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.**