



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



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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Yebra Family</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Annakkaty Varkey</b>
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Maria Loan Vu</b>
		<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Dominghos Ramalho</b>

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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**Weekday Masses; Cycle A: Breviary Week 3**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am – at St. Luke's – Departed souls	6.30 pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Inocentia Reyes	6.30 pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Elefan family	6.30 pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.00pm Mass for the closure of the Deanery Visitation with Archbishop Bernard and Bishop William.</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am Maureen and Ken Holmes	

**Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare/Mothering Sunday)**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eileen Mooney</b>
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Hope Yebra</b>

**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 cleansing of the Temple takes place at the beginning of John's Gospel rather than at the end of Jesus' ministry as in the Synoptics. Jesus is shown to be purifying the Temple which he then compares to his own person (Gospel: John 2:13-25). The Decalogue (which means Ten Words) is the Covenant of Sinai to which the people are called to respond. St. Augustine taught that this was the part of the Torah Halachah (legal material) which was not abrogated by Christ (First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17). The crucified Christ is the only real source of Wisdom (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul' (Ps 18/19:7).

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

## Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5:15-16:6; Luke 18:9-14

## PARISH NOTICES

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: Edith Piaf. This week's question: 'What is the correct term for the instructions in red in liturgical books?'

**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](http://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:** 6.30pm on Friday. This Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the Stations will be at 6.00pm as the Archbishop and Bishop Kenny are coming to celebrate a Deanery Mass at Corpus Christi at 7.00pm for the close of the Visitation of the Deanery. Afterwards there will be a feedback by them in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Becoming a LiveSimply Parish:** We are encouraged by Pope Francis 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7.00pm. We shall look at the Lenten Scriptures.

**Date for the Diary:** Fr. Mervyn will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on March 17<sup>th</sup>. At all the weekend 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. It is an occasion for all of us to thank God for the gift of priesthood in his Church.

**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,** 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: 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.

**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.

Sacraments of Initiation for children: Please pray for our children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Friday. 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.

**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](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 :** 25<sup>th</sup> February: Loose: £787.04 Gift Aid £195.50; CAFOD: £927.32

With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity. This weekend there is a retiring collection for the Cathedral maintenance.

### **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:**

**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.**