



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 22nd April 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm Patrick Maughan
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00am John Mongan
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Christopher Mistovski/Ann Finlay
		6.30 pm Rafael Salomon

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

Monday 23 rd	No morning Mass St. George	6.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Wednesday 25 th	No morning Mass St. Mark	6.30pm
Thursday 26 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 27 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Saturday 28 th	No morning Mass	

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 29 th April	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Doreen Dore
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Gerry McArdle
	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

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we always read from part of John Chapter 10 which is all about Jesus proclaiming himself as the Good Shepherd. Today we have the middle section which emphasizes how much he protects his sheep and lays down his life for them (Gospel: 10:11-18). In the discussion after the healing of the lame man, Peter once again proclaims the power of Jesus Christ risen from the dead

(First Reading: Acts 4:8-12). St. John sings of the centrality of the love of God which makes us his children now, a foretaste of what we shall be (Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.' (Ps 117/118:1).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Apocalypse 12:10-12; John 15:18-21 or John 15:1-8
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
Thursday Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you for all your cards and offerings for me over Easter. It is very generous of you all. God bless. Fr. Mervyn.

Message from Deacon Michael: I would like to thank all those parish members, particularly at OLL, Wheatley, who gave me such a fine send-off at the weekend. Your generosity was greatly appreciated, as indeed your help and support over many years. You will always be in my prayers and I would value yours in relation to the time ahead. If ever you find yourself in the Cork area it would be lovely to meet. My email: walsh.mc@gmail.com remains as before I wish you all the joy and blessings of Eastertide.

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Matthew & John. This week's question: 'How many fish did the disciples catch when they saw the Risen Lord in Galilee:

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! Fr. Mervyn

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.

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 recently. The Minutes will eventually be available and all will be able to comment.

Priory Prayers: will be held at the Priory on Monday April 30th at 7.45pm. All welcome.

The Silent Music of Carmel: Course on Carmelite Prayer: Each evening of this short course includes the practical aspects of prayer, its difficulties and obstacles, talks on Carmelite Prayer and the experience of silent and guided prayer. **Thursday evenings in May 2018** – 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. – **7.00 – 8.30pm** at **Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB**. There is no charge – donations welcome. For further information or to book for one or all of the sessions contact annette@goulden.co.uk or Carmelite Priory: 01865 735133/01865 730183 Email: retreat@carmelite.org.uk

On Sunday May 6th the children are asked to bring flowers for Our Lady to celebrate the month dedicated to her. They will be placed on the Lady Altar at the end of the Masses.

Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford. Bingo and Raffle at Cowley WORKERS SOCIAL Club, Between Towns Road, Cowley on **Tuesday 8th May from 7.30pm**. For more details contact Gerald Fulham 01865 579040 or Ann Ong 721264.

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.

On Sunday May 20th Pentecost Sunday we celebrate our international week-end. The Readings will be in different languages and there will be a **bring and share lunch after the 1100am Mass at Corpus Christi**.

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.

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.

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.

We now have **new hymn books** at Corpus Christi which are not only much more colourful but also have an expanded repertoire and the common of the Mass at the front.

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 : 15th April Loose: **£716.82** Gift Aid: **£247**

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 see the Parish website for further information.

Please pray for

The sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Carol Ayrtton, 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.