



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



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**Corpus Christi Church,
Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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St Gregory the Great Secondary School. T: 01865 749933**

Sunday 29th April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm
Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Doreen Dore
Corpus Christi 11.00 am Gerry McArdle
6.30 pm

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

Monday 30 th	9.15am Annam Devassy	6.30pm
Tuesday 1 st May	8.00am	6.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd	9.15am St. Athanasius	6.30pm
Thursday 3 rd	No morning Mass Sts. Philip & James	6.30pm
Friday 4 th	9.15am English Martyrs	6.30pm
Saturday 5 th	10.00am	
	1.00pm Nuptial Mass Vanessa Ross and Matthew McGoldrick	

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 6 th May	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
	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

The vine and vineyard in the Scriptures represent Israel so Jesus is proclaiming today his deep relationship with the people and the Land. He also teaches that his followers have to be deeply connected to him as the branches to the vinestock (Gospel: John 15:1-8). After the persecution that follows Stephen's death we turn to the conversion of Saul and the consequent

peace (First Reading: Acts 9:26-31). St. John continues his reflections on Christian love – this is to be ‘real and active’ (Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: ‘They shall praise the Lord those who seek him.’ (Ps 21/22:26).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Friday Acts 7:55-60; Matthew 10:17-20
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

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: 153. This week’s question: ‘Who was the first disciple to preach the Gospel in Samaria?’

A blessed and holy 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.

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. The minutes from the last meeting are on the noticeboard and the next meeting is on Thursday 3rd May at 8.00pm in the quiet room at Corpus Christi.

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**

Next Sunday 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 in support of the Fellowship Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund 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: **£760.54** Gift Aid: **£247.36**

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.