



# 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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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00</b>	
		<b>6.30 pm</b>	

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

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass: Annunciation of the Lord	6.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am St. Stanislaus	6.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am McNaughton	6.30pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	

## Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00 am	For the People of the Parish
	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Hugh McGovern/Sonia & Family
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Jim Flannagan
	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

According to St. John, the Risen Jesus appears three times to his disciples. On the same evening of the Resurrection, after twice bestowing his peace (Hebrew: *shalom*), he breathes on the Apostles the Holy Spirit for reconciliation. This is the announcement of Pentecost in John. Eight days later we have the wonderful account of Thomas who makes the deepest profession of faith in the Gospel – ‘My Lord and my God’ (Gospel: John 20:19-31). The early Christian

community was united heart and soul, witnessing to the power of the Risen Lord (First Reading: Acts 4:32-35). This is what overcomes the world (Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6).

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     Isaiah 7:10-14,8-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-28  
Tuesday    Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15  
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
Thursday   Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
Friday      Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
Saturday   Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

## **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](mailto:walsh.mc@gmail.com) remains as before I wish you all the joy and blessings of Eastertide.

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: 50 days. This week's question: 'What is the name of the disciple walking to Emmaus?'

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

**This weekend we celebrate the second anniversary of the Bible Group** which meets every Sunday afternoon. This will be marked at the 11.00am Mass. We thank the Lord for the many blessings we all receive through them.

**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.

**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 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.

**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 : 1<sup>st</sup> April: Gift Aid: Holy Places: £353.79**

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.**