



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



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Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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Sunday 6th May 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Charles McGarrity
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Brian Coles
		6.30 pm	For the People of the Parish
	Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory

Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 2

Monday 7 th	10.15am (at St. Luke's)	6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	8.00am Private Intention	6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	9.15am Private Intention	6.30pm
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION		
6.00pm Vigil Mass at our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley		
Thursday 10 th	9.15am & 7.00pm	
Friday 11 th	9.15am Thomas Devassy	6.30pm
Saturday 12 th	10.00am	

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 13 th May	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	Barbara Jones
	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 Last Discourse of Jesus to his followers at the Last Supper uses words that thread throughout the second half of John's Gospel: love, remain, commandments, joy, friends,

choose. All are important and build up the nature of Jesus' sacrifice and the Church community that follows (Gospel: John 15:9-17). The baptism of the first pagans, Cornelius and his household, follows the Holy Spirit coming down upon them all (First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48). St. John repeats the nature of God. The Greek word *agape* expresses this perfect love (Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.' (Ps 97/98:1).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28

PARISH NOTICES

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (restored now to Thursday rather than being transferred to the following Sunday). It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Vigil Mass (Wednesday evening): 6.00pm at Wheatley; on Thursday Masses at Corpus Christi at 9.15am and 7.00pm.

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Philip. This week's question: 'What is the liturgical colour for Pentecost?'

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.

The Catholic Handicapped Fellowship will be attending this Sunday's 6.30pm Mass. Following Mass the Fellowship 48th AGM will take place in the Hall. 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** – 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**

Today, 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 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.

Please pray for our children who will be confirmed this coming Saturday (12th May) at Corpus Christi by Bishop Kenney. Mass is at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Headington Gardens Open for Charity – Sunday 13 May: in aid of the National Gardens Scheme supporting medical charities: 11 Beech Rd., Monckton Cottage, 40 Osler Rd, 7 St. Andrews Rd, 9 Stoke Place, Ruskin College, The Coach House, White Lodge. **2.00 – 6.00pm; combined entry £5.00, Children free.** In 2017 Headington Gardens raised £2500 for charity. More information at ngs.org.uk.

Eco Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Quarry - Sun 20 May, 2 to 5 pm. Free admission. Come along and learn about ways of putting into practice Pope Francis' teaching on the environment. More info on the noticeboard in the lobby.

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.

Thank you to everyone who put in green tokens for the Thursday Lunch Club at Waitrose. They are giving the club £392 as a result – which helps to pay for things like emergency taxis and an occasional pianist.

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 : 29th April Loose: £669.50 Gift Aid: £220.79

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 see the Parish website for further information.

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 Gretta Guy, Hazel Elleston and Charles McGarrity.

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.

