



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



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Sunday 2nd September 2018 The Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am

Corpus Christi 11.00am

6.30pm Krystyna Polaczek

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

Monday 3 rd	10.15am Mass at St.Luke's. St. Gregory the Great	6.30pm
Tuesday 4 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Thursday 6 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 7 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Saturday 8 th	10.00am Nativity of the Bl.Virgin Mary	

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday 9 th	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

We return on Sundays to semi-continuous readings from Mark's Gospel. The traditions of the Jewish leaders were completely sensible. It was obviously hygienic to wash both the body and dishes before eating. It is surprising that Jesus and his disciples do not wash but the debate following is more important. External realities do not make unclean but those that come from within (*ab intra*) (Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-13). In Moses' first great speech in Deuteronomy he reminds the people on the threshold of the Promised Land how wonderful the laws and customs from God are and how this separates them from others (First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8). We begin reading from the Letter of St. James which consistently demands that the Christian lives out in action the word of God (Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Lord who shall dwell on your holy mountain.' Ps 14/15:1). You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
Friday 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday Micah 5:1-4 or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23(Mt 1:18-23)

PARISH NOTICES

Monday, September 10th at 7.00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 11th at 7.00pm: Parish Finance Committee Meeting

If anyone would like to raise any issues for either of these would she/he please email or write to the Parish Office.

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Monte Casino. This week's question 'Where did the Matriarch Rachel die?'

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.

Gift Aid: would you please consider – if you are a tax payer – signing the Gift Aid form and handing it in to the Parish.

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.

Vocations Promotion Outreach Fieldworkers: The Vocations Office are seeking to employ two fieldworkers, 35 hours per week, £25,000 p.a. Please see the Notice Board for details.

Fairtrade: Regular stalls are now being held monthly on the **first weekend of the month** – the next stalls will be after the 6.00pm Mass at Wheatley and the morning Masses at Corpus Christi – do come and support them.

NEWS FROM THE HOLY LAND. Please visit the parish website

(www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk) and click on Parish News to see photos and news of the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Also on Parish Website under Parish News you can read about Parishioner Louise McCarthy's intended Trek to raise money for Make-a-Wish Foundation, and follow a link to sponsor her.

Congratulations to Mrs. Tomkys, all the teachers, governors and students at **St. Joseph's School**. The recent OFSTED inspection judgment was 'Good' and the Inspector was extremely complimentary about the broad range of the curriculum to help the children flourish.

St. Gregory the Great Secondary School: despite some adverse press, St. Gregory's School is setting things in place for substantial improvement. Mr. Sean Tucker, the acting Head and the SLT have produced a solid School Improvement Plan and the Committee members (governors) have re-organized their structure to correspond with this. St. Gregory's is the only Catholic Secondary school in Oxford and we need to help it to flourish.

Ride & Stride in aid of Historic Churches will take place on 8th September. Sponsorship forms for anyone who wishes to take part, and other relevant paperwork, are at the back of the churches.

'Adoremus' in Liverpool: 9th September 2018. There is a Deanery coach from Oxford on Sunday September 9th for Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Liverpool Cathedral. This will leave Oxford Oratory at 7.00am, call at Pear Tree Park and Ride and will return about 9.00pm. If anyone would like to go, would you please email Fr. Mervyn.

Confirmation June 1st 2019: if your child is in Year 6 then would you please complete the registration form for Confirmation. If anyone else needs to be Confirmed then would he/she also fill in a form. Confirmation is not an optional Sacrament - it is required to be a full member of the Church. Forms for registration for First Holy Communion will be available soon.

Vincentian Volunteers: Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community: If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian Volunteer – living in community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. If you want to know more then visit www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk

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.

Data Protection: Would you please inform us if you do not wish your data that we have collected through Census Forms or other means to be used to contact you.

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.

Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass: Thank you to all who have offered to help. We can now offer coffee after every 9.00 Sunday Mass. Please do stay and chat if you can!

Reminiscences by Fr. John are on the Parish Website.

Offertories : 26th August: Loose: £436.26 Gift Aid: £162.50 Comboni Missionaries £476.33

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 Gabriela Lim.

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.