



# 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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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year**  
**Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish**  
**Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am In Thanksgiving**  
**Corpus Christi 11.00am Jonathan Fitzpatrick**  
**6.30pm**

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

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am St. Robert Bellamine. Kate Gills & Family	6.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Ken & Maureen Holmes	6.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, & Companion	6.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am St. Matthew	6.30pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Helen Nichols
	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

St. Mark's Gospel is divided into two sections and we reach the 'watershed' today. Before the Confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi the central and underlying question of the Gospel has been 'Who is this person?' After this has been answered 'You are the Messiah', the question becomes 'What kind of Messiah is Jesus?' and the answer begins to be spelt out immediately afterwards (Gospel: Mark 8:27-35). The third Song of the Suffering Servant emphasizes not only the suffering but also the vindication of the servant. (First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9). James continues to stress the necessity of good works as well as faith (Second Reading: James 2:14-18).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'How gracious is the Lord and just.' Ps 114/116:5).  
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

### **Scripture Readings for the week ahead**

Monday 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10  
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31; Luke 7:11-17  
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35  
Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50  
Friday Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13  
Saturday 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-29; Luke 8:4-15

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Retiring Collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday and next weekend for Fr. Hudson's Care**

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: Shechem. This week's question 'What is the holiest day in the Jewish Calendar?'

**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.

**Children's safety:** the Parish Council is concerned that for their safety children are not allowed to run freely around during Mass. Please also be careful about children going outside the Church and Hall and running into the road.

**Parish Website:** The Holy Land reports and the text and video of Fr. Mervyn's talk at Adoremus are available on the Parish website under Parish News. Also the Parish Pilgrimage.

**Make-a-Wish:** Louise McCarthy would like to thank parishioners who sponsored her Trek last week. It is still not too late to add to the sponsorship – follow link on Parish Website under Parish News.

**Ride and Stride:** thank you to all who participated in any way in this annual event. If you promised to sponsor someone then please put the money in an envelope and leave it in the Sacristy.

**Sale of Icons** by St. Elizabeth Orthodox sisters will take place after Mass on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CAFOD family Fast Day** is on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> with the retiring collection the following weekend. Please also remember people in need in Oxfordshire and bring a donation if possible for the Foodbank box at the back of the Church in thanksgiving for our own harvest.

**A Concert** will take place at Corpus Christi on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Tickets are now on sale.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** there will be the sale of olive wood products and other gifts from Bethlehem the weekend of Saturday-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Journey in Faith:** 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Quiet Room off the Sacristy on Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a brief overview of the Catholic Faith for anyone who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic or wants to know more.

**Confirmation June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**First Holy Communion Forms** available at the back of Church. First Holy Communion 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Thursday Lunch Club:** usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month to provide elderly people who live alone in Headington with a home cooked two course lunch, tea, coffee and chocolates and a free raffle. We would be very grateful for any support that you might be able to provide. We need some more help in order to run this and if you might be willing to cook, or set up the tables, or greet guests and serve meals or drive guests either regularly or occasionally we would be very pleased to hear from you. We would also be very grateful for any gifts that could be prizes in the raffle: chocolates, biscuits, etc. are particularly popular and welcome. Anna Brooke who has run this very successfully for the last six years can tell you more about the lunch club or please phone Katya Drummond on 763161.

**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. It is now a requirement that everyone whose name is on the parish sick list actively agrees that it is there. Would you please help to ensure that a relative/friend on the list is informed about this.

**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 : 9<sup>th</sup> September: Loose: £579.86 Gift Aid: £198.40**

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 and Philippa Smith

#### **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, Katya**

**Drummond 01865 763161**

#### **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.**