



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

**Saturday** Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm  
**Sunday** Corpus Christi 9.00 am  
Corpus Christi 11.00am Bridget & Reg Howell  
6.30pm

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

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am Justyna, Daniel, Natalia	6.30pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	6.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass.	6.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi	9.00 am
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Marim Pia Sarmento, Tarcisio dos Santos
	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**

It is curious that James and John ask such a question of the Lord but the narrative in the Gospel is to emphasise once again that the disciples keep misunderstanding what following Jesus as the Messiah means. Jesus spells this out in his reply to the brothers (Gospel: Mark 10:35-45). The Fourth Suffering Servant poem of Isaiah continues this theme of suffering. Only after this can there be peace (First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11). Jesus' fullness of priesthood is linked with the truth of his being the Son of God as well as the reality of him being like us in all things but sin (Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.' Ps 32/33:4).

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

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

Monday Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21  
Tuesday Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38  
Wednesday Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48  
Thursday Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53  
Friday Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59  
Saturday Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**There is a retiring collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.**

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: Hosea. This week's question 'Which prophet has for his family name ben Buzi?'

**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.

**The Holy Father** has asked us at the end of the Rosary in October to add the two prayers 'Sub tuum praesidium...' and that to St. Michael 'Holy Michael Archangel...' to fight against any demonic forces attacking the Church.

**Congratulations to staff, pupils and governors of St. Gregory the Great School.** The last OFSTED visit report is now published and demonstrates that all involved are improving. There was a very positive article in The Oxford Mail on October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child that will be going into Year 7 next year, please consider St. Gregory the Great as a real possibility. We need to support our Catholic schools as well as seek the very best education for our children. Please visit the school.

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

**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:** please send anything of interest to the Parish to the address under Parish News on the website.

**The parish** has some **old hall tables and a noticeboard** that we would like to recycle. If anyone is interested in these please see either Fr. Mervyn or contact Peter Selwood in the office (email [catholicheadington@gmail.com](mailto:catholicheadington@gmail.com) 01865 762433).

**Live Simply:** Thank you to all who completed the Live Simply Prompt Sheet – we received 144 returns from families and individuals, which was a great response. The results are displayed on the Live Simply noticeboard and on the website (under Parish News); the three areas where the parish is less active are: looking for Fairtrade symbol when shopping; running the dishwasher/washing machine on cool cycle; and supporting the community emergency foodbank. Your ideas for further ways in which to live more simply and sustainably are also displayed and we will use these suggestions to plan the Live Simply activities over the coming months.

**Please remember people in need in Oxfordshire** and bring a donation if possible for the Foodbank box at the back of the Churches.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** thank you for all the support you gave last week.

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.30am: Blessing of Graves** at Headington Cemetery.

**Date for the Diary: Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11.00am Mass** we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the arrival in the Parish of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of St. Aubin. This will be followed by a bring-and-share international lunch in the Hall. Please come and support Sister Marie-Ann as the only Sister left of the Order in the Priory.

**Journey in Faith:** 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Quiet Room off the Sacristy beginning this Monday **October 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. This Monday the session will be about the Holy Eucharist and the celebration of Mass.

**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. Forms for registration for **First Holy Communion** (Year 3 children or above) are also available. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Offertories :14<sup>th</sup> October: Loose: £574.56 Gift Aid: £173.70 Friends of Holy Land: £581.20**  
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 Baggle, 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, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Ameia Padua, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Louise Williams. Please pray for all who have recently died, especially Philippa Smith, Sandra Lockyer, Mary Todd, Gisa Knight and Irene Harrison

**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.**